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## Splashing Christmas time to be had by all

CHRISTMAS celebrations in Walsall will culminate in a water light and sound show to mark the festive season.

The Magical Waters show will illuminate Walsall canal basin and will be the focal point of this year's festivities in the town centre.

The water show spectacular will be staged dozens of times over two days in December and it will also feature an ice rink, Santa's grotto and reindeer. The fun festive event is being sponsored and organised by Cannock-based developer Jessup, with support coming from Walsall Council.

Jessup was behind the multi-million pound Waterfront South regeneration project, which included 322 homes and business space in the heart of Walsall town centre, next to the canal.

The festive water feature will be switched on by the winner of a competition which is being run jointly with the New Art Gallery this week.

Half-term youngsters, aged 16 and under, are being challenged to make and decorate an origami paper boat and can call into the New Art Gallery between 1pm and 3pm until Friday.

The water shows will run every 10 minutes on December 14 and 15 between 4pm and 7pm, with the switch-on taking place at 4pm on Saturday.

## Allotments' £150k boost

UP TO £150,000 is to be invested in improving allotments over the next three years, in latest plans from Walsall Council.

The authority hopes to invest cash in facilities after finding 14 sites across the borough were lacking 'key infrastructure'.

The money would come jointly from the council and external sources and is earmarked as part of the capital programme and comes despite the cash-strapped authority looking to reduce grants to allotment associations by half.

# £15m HOMES BID TO KICKSTART REVAMP

by Lisa Wright

COUNCIL chiefs are looking to kickstart a major long-awaited regeneration scheme as they bid for £15 million from a government agency.

Proposals to build 402 homes on three sites in the Goscote area, in Blakenall, have been lodged with Walsall Council and the scheme is now due to be discussed by planning chiefs in January. If the bid for Government backing is then approved, work could start in 2016.

Bosses at Walsall Housing Group said the scheme formed a significant part of its long-term plans to build 1,200 homes within the next four years, but funding still needed to be secured.

Carole Wildman, the housing group's director of regeneration and development, said a £15m funding bid would be submitted to the Homes and Communities Agency, with the intention that the Goscote scheme would be earmarked a slice of the cash if successful.

The housing group had to revise its original plans for around 700 homes following more than 800 objections to building on green belt land, known as The Lea, where around 240 properties had been lined up.

Amended plans have been submitted which avoid building on the green belt.

There would be a mixture of two, three and four-bedroom houses and apartments, with half of them being affordable homes.

### Application

The sites earmarked for redevelopment are around Shakespeare Crescent, Keats Road and Well Lane.

But Ms Wildman said another planning application is being drawn up to regenerate the former Goscote estate site and is expected to be submitted within the next 18 months.

She said: "We've now resubmitted our amended planning application. It's going to be committed in January with a recommendation for approval."

"We are in the process of getting a developer. We should be in a position to announce a developer in early 2014."

"It will also be dependent on securing Homes and Communities Agency funding. They have told us there will be a pot of funding for 2015 to 2018."

"Our aim is to bring this area up. It will see high quality development."

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## Bra-vo for line-up of lingerie



Line-up organisers Mandy Hawkins, Michaela Ions, Sue Leek and Bez Grocott

MORE than 300 bras were joined together to stretch the length of Willenhall town centre to raise awareness on breast cancer.

The eye-catching stunt was organised by Michaela Ions who rallied around friends and businesses in Willenhall.

The 50-year-old has lived in Nottingham for the past 30 years but is still close friends with many people in Willenhall where she grew up. Scores of businesses got involved with the display and donated raffle prizes to

raise funds. So far, around £175 has been raised. Ms Ions said: "I was absolutely overwhelmed by the response."

The giant bundle of bras was collected by people in Willenhall and their value will be matched by department store House of Fraser and any usable bras will be sent to women in developing countries. The Pink Day, which raises money to help fund research into breast cancer.

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## Life term begins for terrorist Lapshyn

SELF-STYLED white-supremacist terrorist Pavlo Lapshyn has begun his life sentence for murder and targeting mosques in the Black Country with explosives - including one in Walsall.

Following his sentence at the Old Bailey on Friday, during which Judge Nigel Sweeney ordered him to serve a maximum of 40 years, shocking video cam-era footage was released showing how the 25-year-old Ukrainian taught himself to make and detonate explosives.

The film shows him training in a forest, believed to be in Ukraine. He blows up a tree before proudly turning the camera on himself as he goes to examine the damage.

He would go on to use a similar device at Walsall's Aisha Mosque in Rutter Street, Caldmore on June 21 when he planted explosives in a child's lunchbox.

This outrage followed the murder of 82-year-old Mohammed Saleem, just five days after Lapshyn entered the country on April 29.

He also placed a bomb on a roundabout near Wolverhampton Central Mosque. But his most serious attack was at Kan-ul-Iman mosque in Tipton, where he packed hundreds of nails in a bomb. Lapshyn admitted murdering Mr Saleem, causing an explosion on July 12 and engaging in conduct in preparation of terrorist acts between April 24 and July 18.

## Ex-waste tip land on sale

LAND once used as a toxic waste tip has been put back up for sale almost a decade after plans to build a sports centre were axed due to the credit crunch.

The 30-acre site in between the M6 and Willenhall E-Act Academy, in Bentley Lane, Short Heath, is back on the market. The owners have met with Walsall Council officials.

Representative Eric Avery, of Bentley Lane Land, said: "We can report that there are open to have discussions with any potential buyers."

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# University marks campus 50th milestone



THE University of University has celebrated the 50th anniversary of its Walsall campus with a sparkling evening dinner.

Since originally forming in 1963, the Walsall site has been a key part of the university's operations, specialising in sport, performing arts and education.

Over the last five years, it has been radically refurbished, with £50 million being invested on campus improvements. In Sep-

tember 2011, the School of Sport, Performing Arts and Leisure opened the Performance Hub, its landmark building for performing arts at the Walsall Campus.

The special event was held at the hub on October 23 and guests included Baroness Rachael Heyhoe-Flint, Mike Bird, leader of Walsall Council and Richard Kirby, chief executive of Walsall Manor Hospital, along with dozens of head teachers from

local schools and other local dignitaries.

Geoff Layer, Vice Chancellor of the University of Wolverhampton said: "Walsall Campus has produced thousands of graduates who have successfully gone onto skilled professions."

"We're proud to be part of Walsall, a University Town, and look forward to the next 50 years and beyond of providing opportunities."

# MP hits out over recycling evasion

AN MP is calling on a Government chief to confirm whether her campaign to get town centre recycling facilities restored will be supported.

Valerie Vaz, MP for Walsall South, has written to the Communities and Local Government Minister Brandon Lewis after he failed to say when questioned in the House of Commons what support the Government will give to Walsall Council to restore them.

She said: "I was alarmed by the minister's failure to respond properly to my question. I asked him what support the Government can give to Walsall Council so that it can restore recycling facilities to the town centre, but the minister's response referred only to domestic recycling collections.

"I have written to the minister to say that his response did not answer my question.

"I want Walsall Council to restore the recycling facilities that were previously available in the town centre so that residents can easily dispose of recyclable items at their convenience."

"In my view, this is the best way to encourage recycling and to increase the recycling rate."

# Stalls move agreed for big revamp

PLANS to temporarily relocate some stalls at Walsall Market during the multi-million pound transformation of the town centre shopping complex have been approved.

The proposals for Walsall were agreed at a meeting, which was told the redevelopment scheme had saved the town from becoming a 'black hole'.

Twenty-five traders will need to move to pave the way for the year-long rebuild of the Old Square Shopping Centre, off Bridge Street, which will see flagship Primark and Co-op stores move in, creating 150 jobs.

Traders on the 800-year-old market have been warned more stalls could need to be relocated over the coming years as part of regeneration plans in the St Matthews area.

# Justice hope as £10,000 reward offered on driver

THE FAMILY of a takeaway driver killed by three masked men say they are desperate to get justice, claiming their lives are at a 'standstill'.

Yasar Abbas, aged 28, of Raleigh Street, Birchills, was attacked by three thugs wielding weapons in Madison Avenue, on April 13 and now a £10,000 reward has been put up for information that could bring the killers to justice.

Crimestoppers has pledged the cash for anyone providing information leading to the conviction of the ambushers.

The father-of-two suffered serious head injuries and died in hospital four days later. Police also said that two men, aged 25 and 29, had been arrested in connection with the crime and released on police bail.

Mr Abbas, whose wife had been expecting their second child at the time of the attack, died from head injuries inflicted by a 'heavy bladed weapon', a post-mortem examination found.

Det Insp Gary Plant, from Force CID, has called it a premeditated attack, adding that the reward was 'a substantial amount of money'.

## Funeral

Mr Abbas was attacked at around 12.20am while delivering a bogus Chinese takeaway order in Madison Avenue.

He died at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham. His funeral on May 2 took place hours after his wife Shabam gave birth to a boy, Mohammed. He also leaves another son, Daniel, aged four.

Mr Abbas had worked for Moon Palace - a Chinese takeaway based in Old Birchills. Police believe the offenders arrived at the scene in a dark-coloured car.

A blue 62-plate BMW 5-series was also seen in the area earlier that night and is of interest to the inquiry.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crimestoppers in confidence on 0800 555 111.

# Ex-spec-ting summer loving



Pink ladies from Specsavers in their Grease-inspired outfits are, back from left, Anita Ward, Robina Sharif and Rebecca Hodson with, front from left, Sue Love and Esther Thomson STAFF at an opticians dressed up as Pink Ladies from the blockbuster Grease to help raise money for charity.

Specsavers in Brownhills celebrated its fifth birthday last week. To mark the special occasion workers in store have been raising money for the charity Breast Cancer Care and they dressed to impress in their Grease-inspired outfits.

Store director Monica Brocklebank said: "Everyone at the store wanted to get behind this activity as most of us know someone affected by breast cancer."

"It seemed like the perfect choice to help us celebrate the store's fifth birthday."

The dress up day was on Wednesday and there was popcorn and pink milkshakes available in store.

There was also a raffle with a range of prizes on offer.

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## Praise for Edward's tour boost

THE visit by the Earl of Wessex to officially open a £4 million health, library and children's centre will help to raise its profile, it has been claimed.

Residents and schoolchildren waited at Pelsall Village Centre to get a glimpse of Prince Edward.

The prince waved and chatted to the crowd before entering the building. He then took part in a tour led by Walsall Council's head of libraries, Sue Grainger.

The prince also chatted with staff at the centre, as well as pupils from St Michaels, Pelsall Village and Ryders Hayes schools.

Jenny Gnosill, manager of The Midcounties Co-operative Pharmacy at Pelsall Village Centre, said: "We are delighted that HRH Prince Edward Earl of Wessex has officially opened the centre and we'd like to thank him for helping to raise the profile of the important facilities available."

## MP's pledge over school

WALSALL North MP David Winnick has vowed not to rest until a secondary school in desperate need of repairs is awarded the funds for the revamp.

A senior government education official is due to visit Mirus Academy, in Leamore Lane, after the MP led a delegation of school bosses to hold talks with the Schools Minister David Laws last week. The school needs around £500,000.

MP Mr Winnick said: "We told him that it was totally unfair not only for the teachers, but the pupils. Why should they go to a school which is not fit for purpose?"

## Chess move for library

A CHESS club is opening up to teach youngsters secrets of the game. Walsall councillor Julie Fitzpatrick will be carrying out a grand opening of the club at Bloxwich Library at Elmore Row in the town on Thursday November 14.

The club which runs from 4-5pm on Thursdays during term-time is looking for children from five years upwards to join, and adults.

It is being run by approved tutors, Ray and Eunice Dolan and is free. Email raym.onddolan@gmail.com or call 07980 101744.

## Call for witnesses following attack on teenager



THESE pictures show the faces of two men being sought by police after a teenager was punched and struck with a pool cue in a social club.

The 19-year-old suffered a large cut to his ear after an attack at a venue in Walsall and detectives want to speak to the men captured on these CCTV images in connection with the assault.

The victim was punched in the face and then attacked with the cue at Samras club in Caldmore Green, Walsall.

It happened in the early hours and officers probing the attack have now released these pictures which they believe could help their investigation.

The teenager was forced to spend a

night in hospital being treated for his injuries.

One of the men that police want to trace has been captured looking almost straight into the camera.

Wearing a dark shirt and baseball cap, he is standing at the side of a pool table with a cue in his hand. The other man police want to speak to in connection with the attack is bald and was wearing a white shirt and a V-necked top.

A plea for witnesses to the September 7 attack or anyone who may be able to identify those in the pictures has been issued by officers. Detectives have been piecing together the events of the evening over the last six weeks.

It is the first time details of the assault at the club, which is based off the busy West Bromwich Street, have been released to the public. They are asking for people for any information they may have.

Investigating officer, DC Narinder Sandhu, said: "The CCTV cameras in the club show two men who I am very keen to identify. The young man suffered a large cut to his ear which resulted in him spending the night in hospital and requiring a number of stitches. Were you in the club that night and saw what happened? Do you recognise either of these two men? If so, I want to hear from you."

Call the Force CID on 101 to help.



Police officers are also looking for this man

## NEWS

### in brief

#### Remembrance choir of pupils

MORE than 650 schoolchildren from three schools will be taking part in a Remembrance Service at Walsall's Barr Beacon next month – with pupils forming a joint choir for the special event.

Barr Beacon Trust members will join Mayor of Walsall, Councillor Mohammad Nazir, and a number of faith and community representatives for the service at 11am on November 8, with prayers, readings, wreath laying and the Last Post. Doves will also be released.

The event has been organised by Blackwood St Anne's and Lindens primaries and the trust, backed by the council.

Blackwood Primary School deputy headteacher Lindsay Charles said: "The service is an opportunity for our schools to show our respect for those who have lost their lives in wars past and present and unify in our wish for peace."

#### Argos in charity plea on old toys

ARGOS are being urged to recycle their old toys to help raise money for charity.

Argos in Walsall is holding a special toy exchange party on November 2. Shoppers are urged to pop in and drop off any unwanted toys which will be sold in Barnardo's shops across the country.

Argos store manager Simon Jervis said: "All the staff are really excited. We will have lots going on to keep shoppers young and old entertained, including face painting, arts and crafts."

"Some employees will even be dressing up as their favourite toys and super heroes."

The toy exchange party runs from noon to 4pm at the store in Bradford Mall.

#### AGM for group of horticulturalists

STREETLY Horticultural Society holds its annual general meeting on November 5.

It is followed on December 3 by its annual monthly meeting. Guest speaker Peter Coxhead talks about flowers of the Mediterranean.

The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Streetly Community Centre, in Foley Road East, Streetly, from 7.45pm to 9.15pm. Anyone welcome. Call 0121 353 1437.

# M6 tragedy family tell of bubbly and beautiful girl

## Sri Lanka return just the ticket for Geoff



Guinness Book of Records holder Geoff Price has boosted his bus collection after his latest visit to Sri Lanka

IT HAS been a labour of love for more than 50 years – and model bus collector Geoff Price has no intention of stopping now. He has just returned from a trip to Sri Lanka where he boosted his world record miniatures collection to a massive 12,958.

During his stay at a hotel in Kalutara he was given a big bus cake to mark his 63rd birthday.

Mr Price, of Park Hall, said: "We are still planning on collecting. I have still got the same enthusiasm as I have the last 40 years for it. It is the interest in

of the island during the 16-day stay with his wife Linda to add another 67 model buses to his existing haul. It included two produced in Sri Lanka and made in blow-moulded plastic and another in wood.

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His collection is set to further expand after a friend recently visited Japan to bring back more collectables.

The first model in his collection was a Dinky Half Cab Coach, bought as a birthday present by his parents in 1958, and since then he has gone on to add thousands more, some dating back to 1905. The couple have built an extension to house their beloved buses.

searching for them, you don't find them every day in England. I have been collecting since I was eight years old."

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A HEARTBROKEN family of a woman who plunged to her death from a motorway bridge, have spoken of losing their 'bubbly and beautiful' daughter and sister.

Kamaljit Sidhu, who was known to loved ones as Kammi, died after she fell from a bridge over the M6 at Great Barr last Friday at around 4.30am.

Her sister Narinder Dhillon said on behalf of her family and friends they were very shocked and devastated by what had happened.

She said: "She was a bubbly and beautiful, strong girl. She was very family orientated and loved spending time with them. She had a very strong character and was very ambitious."

The tragedy came during a day of chaos on the motorways as the region awoke to gales and torrential rain which was a precursor of worse, deadly storms which hit the country on Monday.

Miss Sidhu, aged 29, who lived at the family home in Great Barr was born and brought up in West Bromwich and attended Dartmouth High School before Sandwell College.

### Adored

She worked in various jobs before becoming manager at Poppy Red in Birmingham's Arcadian Centre. Her family said Miss Sidhu had recently left that job to look for other office-based managerial roles.

Mrs Dhillon, aged 34, said: "She has four nieces and absolutely adored them. The day before she died she was playing with them and having so much fun. She was such a positive person. Our younger sister is getting married soon, and we had planned a big trip to go and buy outfits for the wedding."

"The family are also moving house. She had so much to look forward to, and that's what makes it all so devastating. So many people knew her at Poppy Red she was very popular."

The family said in a statement: "Kammi we will always hold you close to our hearts and never forget you. Our ray of sunshine, always smiling and making others smile."

Following the tragedy, the southbound carriageway was shut between junction eight for the M6 and junction seven at Great Barr.

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PERRY, the cross-dressing pottery maker, is a national treasure and his Reith Lectures have been great. The thunderous applause that greeted him as he walked on stage in satin miniskirt and high heels says much for the twin British loves of plain speaking and eccentricity. But I couldn't help wondering how many members of the audience would be quite so thrilled if their daughter brought him home. "Mummy, Daddy, this is Grayson. Daddy, put the shotgun down."

DAMAGES of £15,000. Court costs of £100,000-plus. That's the price of silly Sally Bercow's tweet about Lord McAlpine and it should concentrate the minds of Tweeters everywhere. But it probably won't. The Tweetsphere seems full of people who haven't a clue about the laws of libel and think they can say the most outrageous things about anybody they choose. They can't. The rules on defamation that apply to every newspaper also apply to the internet and social media. So if you wouldn't shout it from a rooftop using a megaphone, then don't tweet it, email it or stick it on your website. Ninety-nine times out of 100 your tweet alleging that someone is a money-launderer, paedophile or Nazi won't even be noticed. But the 100th time, you'll get a writ for libel and it's goodbye life savings. As the Speaker's wife put it: "Mrs Bercow wishes and hopes that as a result of this matter other Twitter users will behave more responsibly." Some hope.

AFTER 30 years of spreading squiddy unsaturated-fat goo on our toast, we are told this week that butter may actually be better for us. According to new research, saturated fats, long regarded as the enemy in the fight against obesity and heart disease, may be innocent. Refined carbohydrates and sugar are the real problem. This at least explains a puzzle I raised recently. Why was it that in the days before soft spreads were invented and we all ate butter, people were slimmer and fitter?

A LOST 15-minute broadcast by David Bowie, featuring views and music from 1973, was unveiled by the BBC this week – on Radio 6 Music. This is the pop equivalent of discovering Tutankhamun's treasure and displaying it at Cromer public library. Bowie deserves better than the backwaters of Radio 6 whose breakfast show host Shaun Keaveny described the coup as "beyond exciting." Beyond belief, more like.

FIRST, Ed Miliband promises an energy price freeze. Next, the energy companies bump up their prices. Spot the connection?

AFTER my recent item on food banks, a volunteer at one tells me that online gambling is a big factor in the plight of many seeking help. One part of my Methodist upbringing I cannot shake off is the belief that gambling is a social evil. Online gambling, endorsed by celebrities and presented as a fun, glamorous activity, brings this evil into the homes of the poor, the desperate and the drunk. Next stop is not a beach in the sun but a trip to the food bank.

A READER brings together two recent threads, the 200th anniversary of Pride and Prejudice, and the dilemma facing women who are expected to take their husband's unfortunate surname (Nutter, Smellie, Glasscock etc). Jane Austen never married but in 1802 she accepted a proposal of marriage from Harris Bigg-Wither. Having slept on it, the next morning she withdrew her acceptance. Austen never explained why but possibly she did not want to be responsible for a dynasty of Bigg-Withers.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes  
every Monday to Friday in  
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# All Rhodes lead to new Free Radio site



Sam and Mark cut the ribbon at the Free Radio premises

WALSALL-born children's TV and radio star Mark Rhodes has helped to unveil the new premises of his employer Free Radio as it opened a new studio in the Black Country.

The Sunday morning show DJ turned up for the ceremony with his co-presenter Mark Nixon last week to open the studio and offices which will be making use of 1,500 sq ft of space at Black Country House, in Oldbury, which was recently renovated at a cost of £1.4 m.

Sam and Mark, who were both originally contestants on Pop Idol 10 years ago, carried out the official ribbon cutting.

Daily programmes, from Free Radio, which serves the Black Country and Shropshire, includes the Fresh and Cat breakfast show, which will now be broadcast live from this new site.

Phil Riley, Chief Executive of Orion Media, the parent company of Free Radio said: "This is a great location for one of our Free Radio West Midlands stations."

Black Country House is convenient for the whole Black Country and Shropshire patch, and our Birmingham Head Office is also close by.

"These new premises really suit the needs of a 21st century radio station."

# Windows' £20k cost is met for hall move

CAMPAGNERS working to save stained glass windows at an empty victoria hall chapel have been awarded the £20,000 to cover the cost of installing them in special frames for a display.

The former St Andrew's Church, in Kings Hill, Darlaston, is due to be demolished after it was sold for housing development – but the five windows will be put on permanent display at Darlaston Town Hall.

Darlaston South representatives Paul and Chris Bott have revealed Walsall Council will cover the cost of the installation project at the hall, in Victoria Road.

## Poppy

The council has already secured the windows which were manufactured by glass makers TW Camm, of Smeethwick, at a cost of £5,000. The windows and a Great War plaque which was also displayed in the old Darlaston Road church are now in the care of Walsall Council and Moxley and Dangerfield Action Group.

Secretary Sue Steatham said: "We hope to get two metal poppy wreaths to go either side of the plaque."

Councillor Chris Bott said: "It's for the heritage of Darlaston, and to honour the 28 soldiers who died."

Descendants of the Hancocks or anyone with information about them and of the infantrymen remembered at St Andrew's can email secretary.madag@madag.com

# Museum closure move may cost council £50k

Report by Adam Burling

AFTER a week of turmoil at Walsall Council, it has emerged that the authority may be forced to pay back lottery funding if plans to close the town's museum go ahead.

Walsall Museum is poised to shut under proposals to save the authority £70,000 in the next financial year. It follows on from the revelation last week that 330 jobs would be lost as the council faces cuts of £19 million from its budget.

Walsall Council received £50,000 towards the refurbishment of the museum's Changing Face of Walsall gallery five years ago.

The authority could be made to pay back some of the money if there are no plans to re-display collections elsewhere using the equipment purchased.

Its collections such as the Hodson Choice, with a selection of 20th century clothing, face being mothballed.

A report as part of the draft budget states: "Walsall Museum offers access to the historical and material evidence of how Walsall has developed as a town and how the lives of people and communities has shaped that development.

### Collections

"It also continues to collect memories and artefacts showing the continued changes to communities and the emergence of new communities.

"This access and collecting of historical materials will cease if the museum closes, meaning that the public will no longer have access to the museum and be able to view its collections.

"This will include several collections of specific interest: the Hodson Shop collection of working clothes, the Old Hall and Crabtree collections and the Bayards Colts.

The Heritage Lottery awarded £50,000 towards the refurbishment of the Changing Face of Walsall gallery in 2008.

"They may seek some repayment if there are no plans to re-display the collections elsewhere using the display equipment purchased for this refurbishment."

Finance chief Councillor Chris Towe said jobs the cuts will be less severe if residents agree to a council tax increase. A consultation has been launched to get people's views.

Among the options are a two per cent rise, generating £1.7m, or a four per cent increase, raising £3.4m.

# Axe falls on jobs in £19m cuts



Residents protesting at the council over cuts which will see hundreds of redundancies brought in

THE struggling children's services department at Walsall Council will lose 88 jobs, while 97 posts will go in social care as hundreds of staff are made redundant under sweeping £19 million cuts.

The huge impact of the savings being made at the cash-strapped authority were revealed as chiefs outline their budget proposals.

Finance chief Councillor Chris Towe has said there will be 332 job losses in total in the 2014/15 budget – of which 55 posts are already vacant.

There have been 450 redundancies in the past four years.

Of the 97 posts to go in social care – 22 are already vacant, while among the 88 being lost in children's services, seven are already vacant.

The resources department, which covers finance and IT, will see 72 jobs lost, with 14 of those already vacant, and 57 jobs will be slashed

from the neighbourhoods department, nine of which are vacant. Eighteen posts will go in regeneration, three of these are vacant.

Some £5m will be slashed from the children's services budget. The department came under fire last year when Ofsted judged safeguarding services and its capacity to improve as inadequate – though it has since improved to be adequate.

Council chiefs insisted at the latest cabinet meeting that weekly bin collections will continue, libraries and the borough's 18 children centres will not be closed and the streets will be kept clean.

Councillor Towe said 'an extremely challenging future' lay ahead. But he insisted the council 'can't do anything without people' and said it was hoped some workers would be redeployed to other areas of the authority.

# Group scoops top award for new housing

A HOUSING association has won an award for developing an area's first timber framed housing development. The Accord Group, based in West Bromwich, scooped the developer of the year award at the prestigious Chartered Institute of Housing's annual awards ceremony.

The awards were held in Birmingham and attracted 200 leaders from the housing sector across the region.

The housing group used panels manufactured at its LoCal Homes factory in Beechdale, Walsall, to create the Pattern Gardens development in Darlaston.

It is made up of 106 homes for rent, shared ownership and sale.

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## Care leaver help move by council

WALSALL Council is one of nine across the country taking part in a pilot project to increase support for young people leaving the authority's care.

The New Belongings programme has been launched by the Government in response to consultation with care leavers across the country. Council chiefs say many care leavers are at risk of unemployment, poverty, homelessness, mental health issues and drug and alcohol misuse.

They say they need services which are integrated, easy to access, embedded within local communities, and which treat them with respect.

The project aims to encourage businesses, voluntary groups, statutory bodies and others to think about how they might be able to support care leavers in any way, big or small.

A panel of local care leavers is also being developed and supported by council staff to voice their concerns.

## Write on for youngsters

PUPILS at a primary school have triumphed in a national competition aimed at getting children writing.

The Year 6 class of Ridge-way Primary School in Burntwood won the British Garn Generation Green programme which saw children write their own stories about the history of energy.

There were over 350 entries to the competition, and the winning entries were chosen by author Ciaran Murtagh, who started the first chapter before handing the rest of the book over to pupils across the country.

As part of the prize, Mr Murtagh visited the school. He said: "It has been really great visiting and meeting all the children who came up with such a creative story."

## Bike-ride raises £5k for charity

WORKERS got on their bikes to help raise more than £5,000 for Cancer Research.

More than 30 staff at the Hartshore Group's depot in Walsall took part in a gruelling 25-mile ride.

The sponsored ride along the borough's canalside pathways was held in aid of the Dr Cullen Cancer Research Fund at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham.

In total the 34 participants collected a total of £5,286.

## Choir get ready to sing up for 70th anniversary



Front centre, musical director Toby Barnard with accompanist Bernard Salter and page turner Dee Salter

OVER the years members of Walsall Choral Society have performed thousands of pieces covering a wide spectrum of music.

Now they are preparing to mark the choir's 70th anniversary. And with a healthy membership of around 70 singers, the society – founded in 1944 – is still going strong.

Special concerts have been planned to mark the milestone next year. Current musical director of six years Toby Barnard said: "Some of our oldest singers are in their 80s, the youngest are in their 30s. I think our success comes down to us not holding auditions. We are also quite a sociable group.

"And there is a really relaxed atmos-

phere although we do take on some pretty difficult pieces. We have high standards but we also really enjoy ourselves."

The society rehearses every Tuesday between September and May at Blue Coat Academy in Walsall.

Walsall Choral Society formed in 1944 following a meeting held by then-mayor Councillor David Jones, with the first concert taking place on February 14, 1945.

Peter Morris was the society's conductor for 30 years. He joined the society in 1977 at the age of 30.

He said: "I joined because I knew a few people that were already members. I was 30-years-old at the time and I thought it was a good thing to do. We used to put on

two big concerts ourselves and held concerts at the town hall in Walsall."

Mr Morris left the society in 2007. He was appointed director of music at St Peter's Collegiate Church in Wolverhampton in 2003 and is currently in charge of the boys', girls' and mens' choirs, with 100 members in total.

Members of Walsall Choral Society are currently rehearsing for a Christmas carol concert on December 14. It is taking place at the Broadway United Reformed Church off Sutton Road, Walsall.

And they are putting on a big gala concert on May 17 next year based on Haydn's Creation at St Matthew's Parish Church in the town centre.

## NEWS

### in brief

#### Volunteers clean up at training site

MORE than 50 bags of rubbish were collected in a clean-up operation. Volunteers carried out a tidy up around Frank F Harrison Training and Education Centre in Bloxwich.

Residents from Pleck, Beechdale, Leamore and Blakenall came together as part of a partnership between Walsall Council, Walsall Hindu Forum and Frank F Harrison Community Association.

Councillor Zahid Ali, portfolio holder for public health and protection at Walsall Council, said: "A lot of refuse was picked up during the day by a mixture of volunteers and the project was a complete success. I am confident that this will be the start of many more projects that bring people together from different communities taking social responsibilities seriously."

Anyone with ideas or for information email Nigel Rowe at rowen@walsall.gov.uk or call 01922 655407.

#### Event by quilters aids Samaritans

HANDY patchwork quilters raised £1,000 for a listening ear service for residents in distress.

The Walsall & Patchwork Quilters raised the cash for the Walsall & District Samaritans at their show held earlier this month. The Magic of Quilts was held at Rushall Parish Church, in Leigh Road, Walsall.

Following the show, which featured a display of the members' work and refreshments, group member Jill Rowe presented a cheque for the sum to Linda Dines of The Samaritans.

The charity based in Bott Lane in Walsall town centre provides support for people experiencing emotional distress.

#### Calendar launch with village views

A FUNDRAISING calendar is being launched by a patient participation group in Aldridge.

The 2014 calendar, featuring more than 100 photos of Aldridge, has been launched by the Portland Patient Participation Group at Anchor Meadow Health Centre, Aldridge, tomorrow. It costs £5.

The volunteer group is attached to the Portland Medical Practice in Aldridge. The calendar aims to raise funds for a specialist blood pressure monitor for patients to use in the waiting area.

# Watchdog rates health trust as among safest in country

THE trust that runs Walsall Manor Hospital has been placed in the safest band in the country in a new table that judges health trusts across the UK for risk.

Analysis by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) regulator found 44 trusts with the most serious level of concern, including higher than expected death rates across their hospitals.

It placed trusts in six bands, with band one considered high risk and band six the lowest – with Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust placed in band six. A total of 161 acute trusts across England were examined by the CQC against more than 150 indicators, with 44 placed in band one.

Following a current round of detailed CQC inspections, trusts will be given Ofsted-style school ratings of outstanding, good, requires improvement and inadequate. Elsewhere in the Midlands, trusts in Mid-Staffordshire, Dudley and Sandwell and West Birmingham were placed in band four, while the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust was in band five.

The CQC's chief inspector of hospitals, Professor Sir Mike Richards, said: "As a doctor, I like intelligent monitoring to a screening test; our inspection combined with intelligent monitoring provides the diagnosis, following which we make a judgment, which

**Report by Tim Spiers**

will in turn lead to action. Our intelligent monitoring helps to give us a good picture of risk within trusts, showing us where we need to focus our inspections. We aim to publish the results at regular intervals."

Dr Jennifer Dixon, chief executive of the Health Foundation and CQC board member, said: "It makes sense to use the wealth of routinely available data in the NHS to try to spot patterns which might identify or predict poor-quality care for patients. The intelligent monitoring tool can never be a crystal ball, but it is a great start and will surely develop over time."

It was recently announced that an extension of Manor Hospital's A&E department deal with rising numbers of patients was going forward for final approval.

Around £800,000 is due to be invested in the department.

## Store gives £500 to cause

A NEW store is celebrating its launch by making a £500 donation to Acorns Children's Hospice. Tesco Express is opening in Short Street, Willenhall, on November 2, and a representative from Acorns has been invited to cut the ribbon. Store manager Jack Wyld said: "We are delighted to be able to make a donation."

## New business's sweet success story



John and Adele Teasdale with business partner Kirstie Williams open for business at the new Sugar Craft Heaven

**by Deborah Hardiman**

aged 47, says: "We started about four years ago after I got made redundant and my wife, whose idea it was, started doing sugar craft as a hobby. She was also doing cakes for family and friends. Then we started an online shop and it has grown from there."

They have joined forces with friend and baker Kirstie Williams, aged 38, to set up new shop Sugar Craft Heaven, in Victorian Arcade, in Walsall. John,

in competition with other cake and bakeries as they also offer sugar craft courses on site and trade in baking supplies and equipment to cater for a growing market in baking. There are classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to midday and 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

They were helped by a 12-month rent-free incentive scheme under Walsall Council's regeneration scheme to get empty shops trading again.

Adele, aged 45, says: "Walsall Council has been absolutely amazing."

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## NEWS FEATURE

## IN MY VIEW

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THE local council in Leighton Buzzard has ordered a circus to remove its posters following a complaint from a member of the public who was afraid of clowns. Presumably there will be a similar ban on election posters, then. Because there are plenty of people afraid of those clowns.

THERE was the usual weather warning on the BBC Midlands news on Monday morning, after the region was hit by a bit of wind and a few hours of rain.

"People are advised to only travel in the rush hour if they really have to," was the solemn message from the newsreader. Only if they really have to? As opposed to all the people who head out at 7am on a wet October morning because they fancy a drive?

The only reason anybody goes out in the rush hour is because they have to, and the BBC and Met Office should just come clean, and say exactly what they mean. Which is: "If you work in certain public sector jobs, you can take the day off."

FIGHTING back from accusations that Wolverhampton is a city in decline, town planners unveiled their latest vision for the Princess Street area. Which looks remarkably like Princess Street does now, only with a traffic ban.

So let's get this right. The best way to bring people into our ailing towns and cities is by making them more difficult to get to.

And there was me thinking that the reason why shoppers are flocking to out-of-town retail parks is because people can drive right up to the shops, and stay for as long as they want, without fear of being hassled by zealous officials in ridiculous uniforms.

Well here's a mad suggestion. Why don't our town planners take a leaf out of the out-of-town centres, and try making it easier for motorists?

For example, instead of pedestrianising Princess Street, why don't they get rid of some of the wide footpaths, and create a few extra spaces where people can park outside the shops?

And why not create a bit of extra free, short-stay parking, in some of the existing pedestrianised areas? For what it's worth, I think some of the flak that Wolverhampton has been copping over the last few months is grossly unfair.

More than that, I am a passionate supporter of our town centres, and think the trend towards out-of-town shopping is one of the most depressing and corrosive changes to our communities over the last 20 or so years.

But when we have local authorities who think the answer is to keep traffic away from our towns, it really is hard to see how they can fight back.



Lara Clarke with The Grinch



A yellow and black bike crafted out of cake and icing



The force is strong with Lara and Yoda



The Duchess of Cambridge

## THROUGH THE YEARS

## 1983...

THE US government was seeking to build a £20m military hospital for the exclusive use of American casualties in the event of a nuclear war.

The proposals for RAF Cosford sparked fury among residents. A report by Washington's Institute of Policy Studies said 15 new specialist hospitals were needed because US military planners were preparing for a protracted war in Europe.

Vice-chairman of Albrighton Parish Council, Councillor Malcolm Pate, said: "If such facilities are to be built, they should be put in use for local people."

WOLVES were given until the end of October to pay off debts inherited by the previous administration - or face being expelled from the Football League. The club had been saved from liquidation by a consortium fronted by Derek Dougan, on condition that the new owners paid unsecured creditors 60p in the pound.

## 1993...

SCHOOLTEACHER Andrew Bramwell rued the day he won a £20,000 conservatory. Eighteen months later the conservatory was still not finished, and Mr Bramwell, from Aldridge, said there had been a catalogue of blunders with inadequate foundations, no damp-proof course and faulty brickwork.

A PETITION signed by 1,500 shoppers and market stallholders was on its way to Environment Secretary John Gummer in protest of his plans to strip Wolverhampton Council of its ancient markets charter.

## 2003...

A TEENAGE tearaway responsible for more than 160 crimes in less than a year went on the run as magistrates were due to sentence him. The 15-year-old boy from Halesowen gave his escorts the slip at Dudley youth court.

## 2003...

THE age of supersonic travel was over, after Concorde made its last voyage from New York to London. Jodie Kidd, Jeremy Clarkson, Sir David Frost and Joan Collins were among the stars on board the flight.

RADIO One DJ Chris Moyles provoked the ire of Kidderminster after branding the town 'a sad place where nothing ever happens'.

The DJ made the comments after it came third in a listeners' poll regarding where he should switch the Christmas lights on.

TORY MP Derek Conway plunged the party into chaos after he formally asked for a vote of confidence in leader Iain Duncan Smith. Mr Duncan Smith challenged his opponents to come up with the required number of names to spark a vote, or 'push off'.



Crumbs! Baker Lara Clarke carefully places an 'eyeball' on with one of her creations, a scary Iris cake

was enough to feed 500 people." The Grinch cake took 40 hours of work.

Other cakes she has crafted include a Yoda chocolate sponge 25th birthday cake for a Star Wars fan, finished off with a glow stick lightsaber.

When Kate Middleton announced her pregnancy, Lara also crafted a white chocolate cake topper of the Duchess in a matter of hours.

Setting up her Facebook page, Tasty Cakes, has also helped drum up more business and requests for crazy designs.

"I got quite a lot of requests," she said.

"It's mostly for birthdays or weddings. Quite a few people from America have asked me for cakes and I've had requests to teach in other countries.

"I've got a food airbrush and I hand paint them with food colouring. I've taught myself from YouTube or TV shows.

## Challenge

"Once I put the radio on, I get into it. It's so much fun. I would love to teach."

She started planning for her Captain Jack Sparrow cake in April and has already spent 70 hours bringing it to an almost finished result.

It is made of Rice Krispies, icing and

chocolate buttercream. She said: "It's probably the biggest challenge I've set myself. I was watching the Pirates of the Caribbean and I thought Captain Jack Sparrow had so much texture."

"I'm not showing it to anyone until the show because I want it to have the wow factor when the judges see it."

"I've hired a minibus so I can sit in the back and hold it. We will be setting off at about 3am to go at about two miles an hour all the way."

Her other wedding cake creations have included a gold and black coloured motorbike and separate Minnie Mouse and Iron Man sponge cakes.

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**LETTERS****Outlining official views of Alumwell group**

THROUGH the columns of your newspaper I would like correctly to convey the 'official views' of the Alumwell Community Action Group, which it feels was not properly represented in your recent article headed 'Objection voiced on copper works plans'.

Consequently our position on the matter is as follows: For some number of years now since the IMI Refinery Company closed down its operation at Jamesbridge there has been a whole catalogue of ideas compiled about the future of the disused site, not least about its exposure if left unsecured and

unaddressed. Not for nothing is this site already known beyond these shores as one of the most critically contaminated areas in the whole of Western Europe.

It is largely because of that well-publicised label that the Alumwell Community Action Group has very serious reservations about how effectively reclamation of the site in general can be safely delivered without causing very exposed risks to the residential occupation of the whole of the Alumwell Estate. Until Walsall Council is ready to reveal truthfully how exposed the

local community is likely to be, the Action Group will remain vigilant and guarded about the whole reclamation phase of the project.

But, looking beyond that to the regeneration plans of the rest of the Phoenix 10 Programme, the Alumwell Group (ACAG) holds to the view that there is 'potential' to bring to an end widespread unemployment which until now has left the whole area both blighted and without jobs for a whole generation or more.

**N SMATTHEWS, ACAG chairman and past mayor**

**Shining on with fight to save our pub**

I WISH to thank the local community of Beechdale, Keith Watkins of CAMRA, Walsall Voluntary Action, Beechdale Community Housing, Walsall Council and the press for their support for our campaign to save the Magic Lantern pub.

It has been hard work, and sometimes it felt that we were taking two steps forward and three steps backwards. I just wish to inform you all that while we may have lost the battle we have not yet lost war; the fight goes on.

Walsall Council has seen what an excellent community public house the Lantern is and has granted it the status of an 'asset of community value'.

As councillors, we now call on the community of Beechdale to help in the next stage and take up the project, let's show what a successful community can do. If you wish to help call John Barton on 0753 5037242 or myself on 0757 2580246.

**TINA JUKES**  
Walsall Council

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**Name move sees club kick off new chapter**

HAVING recently attended the second meeting arranged by the new committee at Darlaston Town FC, it was great to hear that the club has registered its new name, with Birmingham County FA, as Darlaston Town (1874) Ltd, and therefore including the date that the club came into existence.

It is to be hoped that the initial backing from so many local individuals and businesses will continue, so that this famous old club will once more compete with honour in non league football.

**ROBERT POWELL**  
Darlaston

**Barry's support thanks**

MAY I say a big 'thank you' to all those who supported 'Barry's Charity Show' recently at Brook Street Community Centre in Tipton.

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## Grit lorries limber up for winter weather



Steven Chapman, contracts manager from Pelsall, and Walsall cabinet member Adrian Andrew at the council depot

A fleet of grit lorries will hit the streets for a dry run as council bosses prepare for temperatures to plunge this winter.

Around half of Walsall's 500 miles of roads are set to be treated as part of the council's commitment to help keep traffic moving, with 900 tons of grit already stockpiled.

Lorries were on the road with routes being timed and equipment tested in readiness for colder weather in the

months ahead. Councillor Adrian Andrew, Walsall Council deputy leader, said: "Our road network in Walsall is vital. We depend on it and we do all we can to keep the roads open in the ice and snow. Residents, schools and all parts of the community as well as businesses rely on our roads so it's important we keep them clear."

Walsall Council has a fleet of seven lorries based at its depot in Brownhills.

Transport officers make a decision on whether or not to send gritters out based on weather data and roadside temperature sensors. Once the order to send lorries out is issued a message is sent to the communications unit which keeps people informed via Twitter and Facebook. Around half Walsall's road network is set to be treated, with the exact routes published on the council website.

## Pair jailed for bracelet theft

TWO fathers who robbed a mother of a gold bracelet as she was on her way to collect her children from school have each been jailed for two years.

Assam Zabir and Zabar Hussain targeted the victim as she sat in her car in Dale Street, Palfrey, Walsall. Wolverhampton Crown Court was told that the men stole the bracelet on July 12 to fund their drug habit.

Recorder Mr David Bright said the crime was 'astounding' as both men have children of a similar age to their victim.

Miss Sati Ruck, prosecuting, said the

jewellery had been bought by the victim's husband early in their relationship. She said: "The victim in this matter was sat in her car in Dale Street waiting to collect her children from school.

"She noticed a man, identified as Assam Zabir, walk past her car several times and she got suspicious. He then struck up a conversation with her for about 30 minutes, but during that time he walked away to talk to Zabar Hussain.

"At about 2.45pm she started to drive her car and at that point Hussain ran up to her vehicle and grabbed her car keys before pulling her arm several

times while trying to grab the bracelet. They then made off with it."

The robbery was seen by a PCSO who recognised Zabir, which eventually led to the arrest of Hussain. Zabir, 32, of Bescot Street, Palfrey and Hussain, 32, of Sandwell Street, Caldmore, pleaded guilty to robbery.

Recorder Mr David Bright jailed both men for two years. He also ordered that they pay the victim a total of £600 in compensation.

Recorder Bright said: "What astounds me is you both have children of a similar age and they are going to have to be without their fathers while you're serving time in jail."

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## NEWS

# Revival of Jebron Works site gets warm welcome

## Homeserve boss due to step down

THE boss of HomeServe in the UK is stepping down after putting the business on a stable footing in the wake of a string of blows over the last two years.

Jonathan King, chief executive of HomeServe Membership, the household insurance repair group's UK business, is leaving after 13 years to 'pursue a non-executive career'. He had been brought back from running the successful launch of HomeServe in the US and took over the role of rebuilding the UK business.

Just last month the firm began recruiting customer service staff at its Walsall headquarters in the first major sign of a turnaround since the crisis that led to more than 700 jobs being axed. It was fined £750,000 by the telecoms regulator Ofcom for making silent calls and then hit by a barrage of complaints about its winter performance and marketing. It remains under investigation.

In a recent interview with the Express & Star Mr King said the crisis had made it 'a better business'. He is due to leave the UK board at the end of December and will quit the main HomeServe plc board at the end of March. The company's group chief operating officer, former chief financial officer Martin Bennett, will take over as boss of HomeServe Membership.

A FORMER manufacturing firm site and school land will be transformed into houses after a series of residential plans were backed by council chiefs.

A combination of 55 houses and 12 apartments will be built on the old Jebron Works in Bright Street, Darlaston, with developers offering a £50,000 contribution towards improvements at the nearby Kings Hill Park.

The 85 year-old company, which was involved in making doors, went into administration in December 2010 with the loss of 65 jobs. But Chamberlin & Hill bought its assets and were able to re-instate some workers.

Before the meeting, Darlaston councillor Paul Bott said: "I welcome the £50,000 that is going to be donated to Kings Hill Park," adding that the scheme 'starts to bring a lot of needed social housing into the area'.

The former Three Crowns Special School site will also be used for eight new houses in Skip Lane despite concerns over being built in green belt and leading to the loss of land for the community.

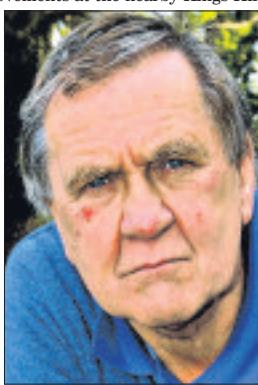
### Footprint

The school closed in 2006 and objections to the new proposals were lodged by the Park Hall Residents Association, councillor Rose Martin, Walsall South MP Valerie Vaz and more than a dozen letters from residents.

But council leader Mike Bird, vice-chairman of the committee said the land, which falls under the Pheasey ward, was a brownfield site in green belt. As long as the footprint of the scheme was less than the school site then it could be allowed.

He added that ward councillors Adrian Andrew and Chris Towe had been in regular consultation with residents and helped to ensure an acceptable proposal was in place.

"It will bring closure to a site that



Darlaston councillor Paul Bott

over five, six, seven years has avoided vandalism more by luck than judgement," he said.

The council also backed applications to alter conditions on other developments in the borough. Moves for an extra-care housing complex on the former British Lion Works in Forest Lane, near Coalpool, creating 50 jobs, were agreed by the authority in the summer. It was accepted at the meeting that a contribution to open space be waived on the request of the applicants.

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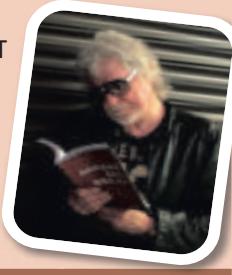


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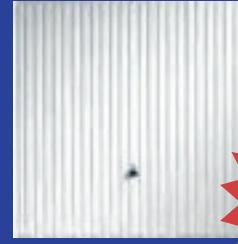
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## NEWS

## Core, what a great day



From left, Jamie Prew, aged 13, with organiser Steve Breeze and Janet Cook at Caldmore Community Garden

DOZENS of people flocked to an orchard to mark Apple Day. More than 90 descended on Caldmore Community Garden in Walsall.

There was orienteering as well as an apple pudding competition. Visitors could also learn how to smoke food, while there was something for children too as they enjoyed an arts and crafts session.

Volunteer Theresa Richards, aged 38 from Palfrey, said: "Caldmore Community Garden is a garden set up by volunteers, which was built on wasteland around a year ago. It's about the community coming together and sharing a passion in terms of growing things."

"Apple Day is all about celebrating the diverse fruit and the orchards we have in this country."

The first Apple Day was held on October 21 in 1990 in the old Apple Market in Covent Garden, London, bringing fruit back there for the first time in 17 years.

# £380k costs of bringing police out of retirement

A FORMER police inspector, four ex-sergeants and 12 retired constables have been brought back to work despite being pensioned off by their cash-strapped force.

West Midlands Police have since defended the decision to re-employ the officers, who have been paid at least £380,000 between them since returning to work.

It cost at least £2.1 million to provide the officers their pension lump sums when they retired and give them their annual payments.

They were all forced to retire as a result of £126 million of cuts imposed on West Midlands Police by the Government.

Serving officers cannot be made redundant but police have regulation, called A19, that allows them to make officers with more than 30 years service retire, even if they do not want to.

Bob Jones, the West Midlands police and crime commissioner, said the costs of the pension payments were not being met by the force but by the national police pension scheme instead, meaning the wage bill had been reduced by making the officers retire.

Chris Rowson, head of human resources at the

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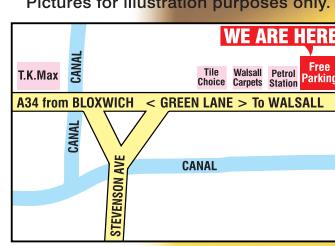
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**St John Ambulance volunteer Carol Trigg, who has been honoured for outstanding service, with guide dog Flora**

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The 56-year-old, who joined the charity as a cadet aged just 11, was recognised for her outstanding service.

The Order of St John is a Royal Order of Chivalry and The Queen approves each recipient. Mrs Trigg, who is also a magistrate, continues to train people in first aid as training specialist for south and central Staffordshire despite suffering a serious loss of vision that means she only has 20 per cent sight in one eye and needs to use a guide dog.

In the 45 years she has volunteered with St John Ambulance, Mrs Trigg has clocked up hundreds of hours of first aid cover at events in Burntwood, Cannock and Wolverhampton. Mrs Trigg, who lives in Burntwood, picked up her award at Priory Church in Clerkenwell, London. She said: "It is good to be recognised for my work and commitment to the organisation in a number of roles."

"When my sight diminished I did worry that I would have to stop volunteering but I am really enjoying my work as a trainer helping other people to learn the skills that can be the difference between a life lost and a life saved."

**Queries on debt with CAB hit new record high**

**RECORD numbers of people have been seeking help from the Citizens Advice Bureau over debt and benefits.**

Changes including the 'bedroom tax' and a cap on the amount of benefits each household can claim have resulted in 57,554 people contacting the CAB in Walsall over the past year.

It beats the organisation's busiest-ever year in 2010/11, when 54,206 people sought help. Bosses and an MP praised the work of volunteers.

But its chief executive said it would have to save money in light of multi-million pound cuts being made at Walsall Council.

Carl Rice said: "Most of our clients believe we are a statutory service and it is because of this that the bureau wants to develop an even more focused and responsive set of advice services for the people of Walsall in partnership with key funding bodies in the coming months and years."

"There are tough times ahead for all public service providers but by working together within an agreed strategic framework and with common aims and objectives we will be better placed to meet demand for our services, than if we work in isolation."

In an annual report, the bureau revealed that 28,623 inquiries, 42 per cent of the



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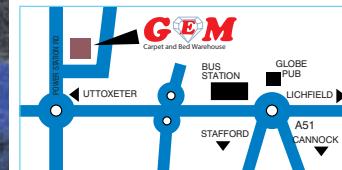
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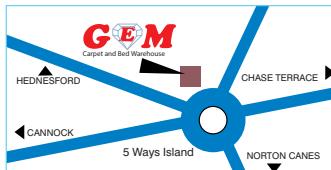
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The budget proposals put forward by cabinet members for public consultation on 23 October 2013 are now available to view here: [www.walsall.gov.uk/budgethaveyoursay](http://www.walsall.gov.uk/budgethaveyoursay)

Staff from Walsall Council will be consulting with the public throughout the borough up until 14 November 2013.

If you'd like to discuss the proposals face to face with the council you'll find us at the following venues over the next week. All dates and venues can be found on the website or by calling the budget hotline on 01922 653644.

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Pelsall Library 10am-12pm  
Asda Bloxwich 5-7pm

### Monday 4 November

Collingwood Centre Pheasey 10am-12pm  
First Stop Shop, Civic Centre, Walsall 2-4pm

### Tuesday 5 November

First Stop Express bus at Market Place,  
Willenhall 10am-12.30pm  
First Stop Express bus on King Street,  
Darlaston 1.30-4pm  
Oak Park Leisure Centre, Walsall Wood 4-6pm

### Wednesday 6 November

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Bloxwich Leisure Centre 4-6pm

### Thursday 7 November

Walsall Central Library 10am-12pm  
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## CLUB NEWS

Talk given by expert on tourism

### PELSALL E TG

TRIPS organiser Pat Heeley advised that the outing to Knutsford and Blakemore Craft Centre was fully booked. Members agreed to the guild buying and laying a poppy wreath at Pelsall Centotaph on Remembrance Sunday.

After a short break, speaker Keith Cheetham spoke about his long career in tourism.

He explained how he helped to put the city of Sheffield on the tourist and conference map.

He later transferred these talents to the Black Country and beyond and still remains active on a freelance basis.

Angela Lawrence won the competition for a holiday souvenir and the raffle, drawn by Mr Cheetham, was won by Pat Whittaker.

The Federation Dabble Day is on November 9, from 10.30am and at 1.30pm, at Pelsall Community Centre. Tickets are £6 adults and £3 children, to include three 'dabbles'.

An evening of fashion in aid of St. Giles Hospice is being held on November 14 at Brownhills Memorial Hall. Tickets are £2 each.

At the November 21 meeting it is hoped the chairman and secretary of South Staffordshire Federation will be in attendance to urge and encourage volunteers to accept officer and committee appointments.

THERE were 27 members and one visitor at the October meeting. All received a sincere welcome.

The meeting progressed as usual with the reading and signing of the minutes of the previous month's meeting.

The financial report was also given.

The menu for the Christmas dinner at The Talbot

## Guest looks back at events of 1937



Guest speaker John Sparry

### KINGSWINFORD & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THE October meeting saw the return of local historian John Sparry. His talk was on 'Interesting Events of 1937'.

He reminded everyone of the Hindenburg disaster in May when 35 passengers and crew died, the introduction of the 999 emergency system first introduced in the London area and of course the abdication of Edward VIII that led to his marriage in this year to Wallis Simpson. This reminded people of the meetings of Edward and Mrs Simpson at nearby Himley Hall. The Coronation of George VI took place on May 12 1937.

In November of that year, George Eyston's land speed record of more than 311mph was achieved in Thunderbolt, and for the work on the car, Bill Sargent, who lived opposite to where the Community Centre now is, received the BEM.

The next meeting is on Monday November 4 at 7.30pm when Keith Cattell will present 'Light Fantastic - 1,000 Years of Stained Glass'. All are welcome to the Community Centre, High Street, Kingswinford. Details from Ron Julian 01384 295848.

## Insight into role of TV extra

### QUARRY BANK E TWG

the talk gave an insight into the role played by 'extras'.

Mrs Jones was thanked for her most entertaining talk. The meeting concluded as usual with the serving of tea and biscuits.

The next meeting, on November 19, will consist of a social evening with a Christmas flavour including cards and a bring and buy sale.

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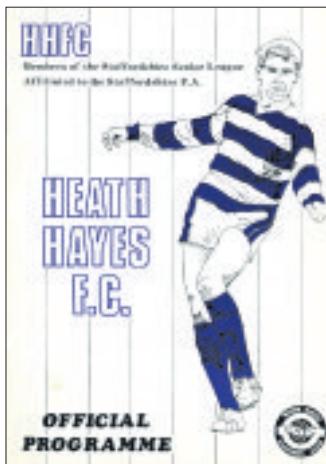
The club's first ever team photo after becoming Heath Hayes United



The 1987/88 team won three trophies including the Staffs County League



Winners of the West Midlands League Regional Division One in 1998/99



The club's first match programme in 1989

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# Future looks bright for club as it celebrates 50th season

**AS the club celebrates its 50th season, the future looks bright for Heath Hayes FC.**

With the first team plying its trade in the Midland Alliance League, there is also a thriving junior section with 16 teams now affiliated to the club.

The continued growth has ensured the club is healthier than ever with the largest number of junior teams in its history.

Feeder teams vary from under-7s through to under-21s, playing in leagues from the Lichfield & District, through to the West Midlands Junior and Midland Combination.

It was back in 1964 that the forerunner to

the Heath Hayes FC we know now kicked off its history. The side broke away from the Co-Op Youth League and formed its own team, called in those days Heath Hayes United.

A clutch of trophies followed, including the Sam Kimberley Cup, the CIU Cup, Bloxwich Charity Cup, Orlando Evans Cup, J Edge Cup and Penkridge Charity Cup.

In its early days, the club was run from the Five Ways Inn, with the first season spent in the Cannock Youth League before becoming Division Two of the Cannock Chase League.

Promotion to the Premier League, followed by a brief flirtation with Sunday football, also saw a move to a new base, the Heath Hayes Constitu-

tional Club, and a change of name – Heath Hayes Cons FC.

The club spent the early part of the 1970s in the Mid Staffs League before becoming members of the Staffs County League (South).

#### Decade

After an eventful 15 seasons, a move back to the Five Ways saw the club become Heath Hayes FC where bosses decided to join the Staffordshire Senior League ahead of a switch to the West Midlands Regional League.

More silverware followed as over a decade, the club lifted the Division One title in 1999 and the Staffs FA Senior Vase in 2002. Due to

boundary changes, the club switched to the Midland Combination Premier and finished eighth in their first season.

A successful FA Vase run coincided with progress to the final of the Walsall Senior Cup in 2007/08, while the following season saw Hayes lift the Staffordshire Vase and take part in the FA Cup for the first time.

Four years ago, success came on and off the field as Charter Standard status was achieved for the first time and promotion was gained as champions to the Midland Alliance under then boss Simon Davies. Steve Taylor, a former pro with Crystal Palace and a former coach to the club's junior sides, is now at the helm.

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## What's On! Walsall

### REVIEW

#### Destined to be a blues player

Eric Bibb  
Robin2, Bilston

ERIC Bibb was destined to be a musician and even more so he was destined to be a blues player. Bibb knows how to put on a concert, he knows how to get his audience hopping but most of all he knows the blues.

Bibb, who has been playing acoustic guitar professionally since he was 16, may have taken a round-about route to get here but when he arrived boy did he make an impression.

Right from the off at the Wolverhampton venue, with New Home, his foot was stomping enthusiastically as he plucked out the delta blues sound. It was accented by his characteristic head wagging underneath his trademark hat, which seems glued on.

He pulled out one of his audience's favourites next, Shingle by Shingle, which was a much lighter, softer and almost playful ballad.

Bibb really let loose with a song about building a new life which was inspired by Turner's Station, Baltimore. During this song he was reminiscent of Howling Wolf or Lightning Hopkins. This was followed by another fast-paced track with Keep Your Mind On It.

He also did a cover version of I Heard Angels Singing written by Reverend 'Blind' Gary Davies, a street singer in 1950s America. Bibb ended the set with another spiritual Everyman.

DANNY FARRAGHER

# Stars are Outen and about in Grand's anniversary year

## Meet Union J at Merry Hill

**POPULAR** boy band Union J are the headline act for this year's highly-anticipated Christmas lights switch on at Westfield Merry Hill.

The boys will arrive at the centre on Friday, November 15.

The Chronicle are teaming up with Merry Hill to give one lucky reader and their friend the chance to meet the X Factor favourites. As well as getting up close and personal with the famous four, the winner will receive a £100 gift card to splash out with at any of the centre's 200 plus stores.

### Rylan

Huge crowds are expected to turn out to enjoy Union J's performance, which will see them treat fans to tunes including top ten hit Carry You, before they begin their UK tour.

Rylan, who found fame on X Factor and has since presented several popular TV shows, will be adding to the festivities with his own performance.

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Among the high-profile names scheduled to appear is West End and Strictly Come Dancing star Denise Van Outen, who will be performing her new one-woman play, Some Girl I Used to Know.

The show - co-written by Terry Ronald with musical supervision by Kylie Minogue's long-term musical collaborator, Steve Anderson - will run at the theatre from February 20 to 22 as part of an 11-date national tour that includes Birmingham New Alexandra Theatre from February 10 to 12.

Other 2014 musical highlights at the Grand include the foot-stomping 80s dance classic Fame, which will arrive in March, and rock 'n' roll show Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story in May.

Emmerdale heart-throb Ben Freeman will become 'The Fonz' in Garry Marshall's musical hit Happy Days. The show which will run from June 9 to 14, also stars former Sugababe Heidi Range as Pinky Tuscadero and 80s pop-icon Cheryl Baker as Mrs Cunningham.

BAFTA-nominated actor Robert Powell, who took the title role in Jesus of Nazareth back in 1977, will play Belgian detective Poirot



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in a staging of Agatha Christie's Black Coffee from February 3 to 8. Brookside actor John McArdele joins the cast of Damian Cruden's new adaptation of mining village comedy Brassed Off from April 8 to 12.

Peter Cutchie, the theatre's chief executive, said: "Next year marks 120 years of the Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton and a landmark year for the venue, something which I hope is reflected in the diversity and vibrancy of our 2014 programme."

### REVIEW

#### Acting was first class

To Sir With Love, Grand Theatre

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With superb acting from national treasure Matthew Kelly and Ansia Kobia, To Sir With Love, which packed out Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre, told the story of a Cambridge graduate and ex-RAF fighter pilot arriving in London in 1948 and discovering what it means to be black in post-war England.

Turned down for job after job in his chosen career as an electronic engineer, Ricky Braithwaite (played by Kobia) begins his first teaching post, in a tough East End school.

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Eventually offered his dream job in engineering he decides to stay at the school and even the grumpy, couldn't-care-less fellow teacher Weston, played superbly by Paul Kemp, is influenced by Ricky's way of teaching.

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- 7.30 Sweet Sixties: Neutral Ward.** Colin Salmon-Johnson travels to the Indonesian island of Sulawesi to shed light on the lives of Celebes crested macaques, which are found nowhere else in the world. (R)
- 8.30 Dad's Army.** Captain Mainwaring thinks he is not a commissioned officer. (R)
- 9.00 Live from the National Theatre: 50 Years on Stage.** A celebration of the company's 50th anniversary, with performances by Judi Dench, Ralph Fiennes, Derek Jacobi, Helen Mirren, Maggie Smith, Simon Callow and James Corden.
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## SUNDAY'S TV 3.11.13

### CHOICE



**Niamh Cusack**

**Catherine Cookson's The Secret**

**Drama, 9pm**

Catherine Cookson's Colour Blind is a gritty period drama set during World War I from the pen of the best-selling author. When Bridget McQueen's (Niamh Cusack) family discover that she is returning to Newcastle with her new husband they are delighted, until they discover that Bridget's new man is black. When they have a child, Rose Angela, they are ostracised from many. As Rose Angela grows up, she too discovers that society can be an unforgiving place, and is torn between two men who both declare their love for her. Niamh Cusack and Art Malik star.

### BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast.** 7.25 Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Saturday Kitchen. (R) **11.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** The Story of the Swastika. **1.45** Bargain Hunt. **2.40** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.40** Points of View. **3.55** Songs of Praise. **4.30** Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix – Highlights.

**6.00 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.

**6.20 Coronation Street.** Matt Baker finds out how to look after his Hertfordshire home, and Julia Bradbury discovers how the local landscape inspired sculptor Henry Moore.

**7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** Another couple perform their routine.

**8.00 The Paradise.** Tom cons the staff out to the music hall, so Denise suggests the staff should put on their own show, while also worrying about whether to apply for the head of ladieswear job. **9.00 Richard Hammond Builds a Planet.** The Top Gear host explores the world from the top of a two-mile-high tower in the California desert, enlisting the help of scientists to carry out experiments along the way.

**10.00 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.

**10.25 Match of the Day 2.** Everton vs Burnley. Hartpury and Cardiff City v Swansea City.

**11.30 Rugby League World Cup.** Highlights of the latest group matches.

**12.30** The Sky at Night. **12.50** Weatherview. **12.55** BBC News.

### BBC2

**6.00 This Is BBC Two.** **7.10 Film:** The Bride Walks Out. (1936) **8.30** Alan Titchmarsh's Garden Secrets. (R) **9.00** Saturday Kitchen. (R) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30 EastEnders.** **1.20** Rugby Union. **2.20** Live Cycling. **5.30** Inspire: The Olympic Journey. Gabby Logan visits Glasgow ahead of next year's Commonwealth Games. (R)

**6.00 Flog It! (R)**

**6.30 The Ginger Man.** A referee treats a pub like a football pitch. Last in the series.

**7.00 How to Build a Jumbo Jet Engine.** Following engineers and workers at Rolls-Royce's Derby factory as they construct the company's Trent 1000 jet engine for its maiden flight. (R)

**8.00 Africa's Last Oasis: Countdown to the Rains.** New series. The lives of animals living near the Luangwa River in Zambia.

**9.00 Great Continental Railway Journeys.** Michael Portillo travels from Turin to Venice.

**10.00 The Wrong Mans.** Sam and his friends put themselves at risk to save the day. Last in the series. (R)

**10.30 OI XL.** Extended edition. With Jo Brand, Marcus Brigstocke and Danny Baker.

**11.15 Never Mind the Buzzcocks.** Eamonn Holmes hosts, with Sarah Millican, Shaa Radnor, Greg McHugh and Jaymi Hensley. (R)

**11.45 Film:** The Invisible. (2007) Supernatural thriller, starring Justin Chatwin.

**1.20 Sign Zone: Countryfile.** (R) **2.15 Holby City.** (R) **3.15 This Is BBC Two.**

### ITV

**6.00 CITV:** Babar and the Adventures of Badou. **6.10** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** The Dan. (R) **7.00** Carpool. (R) **7.10** The Zoo. (R) **7.15** Canimals. (R) **7.25** Sooty. **7.35** Horrid Henry. (R) **7.50** Big Time Rush. **8.15** Bottom Knockers Street. **8.30** Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Storage Warders. (R) **10.30** Sunday Scoop. **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** Inside the National Trust. **1.35** Fool Britannia. (R) **2.05** The X Factor. (R) **3.55** Downton Abbey. (R) **5.00** You've Been Framed! (R) **5.30** Prize Island.

**6.35 Regional Programme:** Weather.

**6.45 ITV News;** Weather.

**7.00 Surprise Surprise.** Gok Wan gives an expectant mother a makeover. Jessie's performance as a "wild woman" said to have been found in the 1870s and thought to be a hominid or Neanderthal. Last in the series.

**8.00 The X Factor Results.** With live music by Taylor Swift and Little Mix.

**9.00 Downton Abbey.** Robert travels to America to bail out Cora's (Edith) debts and Mary is forced to put aside their differences and help comes from an unlikely quarter when Violet is taken ill.

**10.05 ITV News;** Weather.

**10.20 OCD Ward.** Four severe cases of obsessive compulsive disorder. (R)

**11.20 Premiership Rugby Union.** Action from the latest top-flight fixtures.

**12.20 The Stare.** (R) **2.20** Motorsport UK. **3.10** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

**5.15 Killarney Adventure Race.** (R) **5.15 Deal or No Deal.** (R)

### CHANNEL 4

**6.10** The American Football Show. (R) **7.05** Yorkshire Marathon. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Roobarb and Custard. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** The Simpsons. (R) **2.20** The Simpsons. (R) **2.50** Trok V. The Final Frontier. (1998) **5.25** Channel 4 News. **5.50** Film: Grease. (1978)

**8.00 Bigfoot Files.** Mark Evans travels to Russia to investigate the story of Zana, a "wild woman" said to have been found in the 1870s and thought to be a hominid or Neanderthal. Last in the series.

**9.00 Homeland.** A mysterious man enters the country at the US-Canadian border. Carrie puts her mission on the line to complete a risky favour and Sam is forced to cub elbows with an adversary.

**10.00 Was It Something I Said?** With guests Robert Webb and Miles Jupp.

**10.25 Toast of London.** Steven is offered a starring role in a new film.

**10.50 No Fire Zone.** Documentary investigating crimes against humanity and war crimes committed by the Sri Lankan government during the country's civil war.

**11.45 Alan Carr: Chatty Man.** James Cordean talks about the DVD release of The Wrong Mans, Tom Hiddleston discusses Thor: The Dark World and Jeanne is asked to read some of her memoirs. (R)

**12.45 American Football Live.** **4.45** Killarney Adventure Race. (R) **5.15 Deal or No Deal.** (R)

### CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake!** Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.30** The Child's Closet. (R) **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Banana in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Addams Family. (R) **8.25** Top Cat and His Best Friend. (R) **8.26** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Hana's Helpline. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** John Jayne. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.35** Slugterra. **11.00** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.00** Film: Ghostbusters. (1984) **3.00** Film: Baby Boom. (1987) **3.50** Film: The Fox and the Hound. (1981) **4.50** 5 News Weekend. **6.55** Film: U-571. (2000) Second World War adventure, starring Matthew McConaughey, Harvey Keitel and Bill Paxton. **9.00** Film: 2012. (2009) Premiere. As the human race faces extinction in a global cataclysm, a writer tries to get his family to the last safe refuge on Earth, along with John Cusack and Chiwetel Ejiofor.

**12.10 Film:** Creep. (2004) **1.35** SuperCasino. **3.10** The Gadget Show. (R) **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jade. (R) **5.15** Hand's Heels. (R) **5.20** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

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### DIGITAL

**BBC Three**

**7.00** Great TV Mistakes **7.10 Film:** Cars (2006) **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Sweat the Small Stuff **11.15** American Dad!

**BBC Four**

**1.00** Yellowstone: Unnatural Histories **8.00** Dreaming the Impossible: Unbuilt Britain **9.00** Searching for Exile – Truth or Myth? **10.00** Searching for Exile: The Debate **10.45** Treasures of Chinese Porcelain **11.45** Pink Floyd: Wish You Were Here

**ITV2**

**1.00** Film: The Borrowers (1997) **4.55** Film: Rumor Has It (2005) **6.30** Film: Dragnet (1987) **8.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.50** Freshers

**11.50 Tricked**

**ITV3**

**1.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **4.05** Film: Big Murder at St Trinian's (1957) **5.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **7.00** Lewis **9.00** The Best of the Royal Variety **10.00** Film: Meet Joe Black (1998) **Drama** **2.10** Catherine Cookson's Colour **3.00** Film: The Good Life **6.30** A Bit of Do **7.40** Lark Rise to Candleford **9.00** Catherine Cookson's Colour Blind **E4** **4.00** How I Met Your Mother **5.30** Rules of Engagement **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising (2007) **10.00** Drifters **11.00** Channel 4's Comedy Gala **11.55** Misfits **Film4** **2.50** Just My Luck (2006) **4.45** Hotel Power (1998) **6.45** Definitely... Maybe (2009) **9.00** Season of the Witch (2011) Fantasy adventure, starring Nicolas Cage. **10.50** Rosemary's Baby (1968)

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## What's On!

### Film Choices

#### MONDAY

##### Judge Dredd, Channel 5, 11pm

A law enforcer in a post-apocalyptic city is framed for a series of crimes committed by a fugitive who shares his DNA. He escapes from a prison transport and returns to hunt down the culprit and clear his own name. Sci-fi thriller based on the 2000AD comic-strip, starring Sylvester Stallone and Rob Schneider. (1995)

#### TUESDAY

##### The Men Who Stare at Goats, BBC1, 11.05pm

A journalist desperate to be posted to a war zone encounters a special forces agent, who claims to have been part of a top-secret project to endow soldiers with superhuman powers. As the reporter joins the supposed psychic on a journey across Iraq, he discovers the bizarre story behind the experiment. Satirical comedy, starring George Clooney. (2009)



Wanted, Friday, ITV, 11.05pm

#### WEDNESDAY

##### Step Brothers, Channel 5, 10pm

Brennan and Dale are two 40-year-old men who have never flown the nest. All that changes when Brennan's mother marries Dale's father, and the spoilt sons are forced to share a room. They take an instant dislike to each other, but when their long-suffering parents finally insist they find jobs, they learn to work together. Comedy, with Will Ferrell and John C Reilly. (2008)

#### THURSDAY

##### The Touch of Mink, Channel 4, 1.15pm

A sophisticated millionaire businessman goes in passionate pursuit of a strait-laced secretary. She is also attracted to him, but is saving herself for marriage while he only wants a casual affair. However, she remains convinced he is the man for her and tries to change his ways. Romantic comedy, starring Cary Grant, Doris Day and Audrey Meadows. (1962)

#### FRIDAY

##### Wanted, ITV, 11.05pm

A disillusioned man learns his father was a member of a secret society of assassins dedicated to eliminating people who are destined to commit acts of evil in the future. Having inherited his father's special abilities, he is recruited into the organisation and must take on a former member who has betrayed it. Action adventure, starring James McAvoy and Angelina Jolie. (2008)

##### The 13th Warrior, BBC1, 11.50pm

A disgraced nobleman exiled from his Baghdad home joins forces with Norse warriors at the close of the first millennium, and ends up battling seemingly invincible attackers during an epic journey. Action adventure, starring Antonio Banderas and Omar Sharif. (1999)

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### Pick of the Week

## Dynamic duo's return is out of this world

**M**ovie fans can rejoice as the ever-engaging Film 2013 returns for a new series.

While reviews of Sandra Bullock/George Clooney blockbuster Gravity, and the documentary Seduced and Abandoned are the backbone of this edition, the success of the show lies in the banter between Claudia Winkleman and co-presenter Danny Leigh.

In between working on Strictly Come Dancing, and hosting The Radio 2 Arts Show, Claudia admits she has nothing but praise for Mr Leigh. "He's incredibly kind and brilliant. He's an intellect and he relishes great film," she enthuses. "I am basically always looking for Sandra Bullock. I'm like, 'Is she in it?' Danny says: "Claudia, you've got to stop speaking." Given her fondness for one of Hollywood's most powerful actresses, Gravity should leave her perched on the edge of her seat.

The tale of two astronauts stranded after their shuttle is wrecked by debris will leave many short of breath. Sandra's

powerhouse performance has already suggested an Oscar nomination, and director Alfonso Cuaron could be up for Best Director.

Do Claudia and Danny discuss the films like Gravity before the show? "Sometimes. There are some films where I have to speak to him immediately. I can't wait. I phone him up and say: 'Did you see...?' But we try and not speak too much about it. We try not to argue, but if we do it's good fun to watch."

The Film 2013 team wisely keep their movies of the year list under wraps until December, so with that in mind, what's been Claudia's favourite film of the past 12 months? "Lincoln is the one that I have re-watched. I thought, 'Have I gone mad?' because I loved it so much, and it only gets better with more viewings. I absolutely loved it."

Is there a film that's changed her life? "Oh, they've all changed my life," she explains. "I've got a soft spot for ET. For me it's the emotions and about the first time you saw it."

Danny admits he also has a fondness for Steven Spielberg's moving drama of a storm-tossed life. "We used to watch ones we liked like Time Bandits and ET," he explains. "I started falling in love with the cinema at that point. Maybe when I was a little bit older than that I started watching older films."

I remember stumbling across Citizen Kane as a kid which was on TV at Christmas, and I was very into the Marx brothers as well."

Back to the present, and one of Claudia's fondest memories was seeing the most lucrative film of the year, "Iron Man 3, don't laugh, I think it was out at the beginning of this year, and I took my son. It was the first time me and him had gone to see a proper grown-up film, and he just left, he held my hand and he went, 'Mummy. Can we go and see it again?' So we just went straight back and watched the next viewing," she smiles. "How often can you cool enough to do that?"



Claudia Winkleman and Danny Leigh, Film 2013, Wednesday, 11.05pm

### Best of the Rest

#### MONDAY

##### MasterChef: The Professionals BBC1, 8.30pm

MasterChef: The Professionals has run for five ever-gripping series before now, and we're still just as hooked – even those of us who can't knock up a salad without burning it – but judge Monica Galetti thinks she may have the answer to the show's success: "Because it's real, there's no acting involved; we give it to (the contestants) as it is. I love the fact that throughout the programme, we're nurturing the future of the culinary world." Monica joins fellow judges Gregg Wallace and Michel Roux Jr to meet the first batch of eight chefs. They're challenged to put together a dish using a selection of seven ingredients, including artichokes, mushrooms and chocolate. But they've only got an hour...

##### The Choir: Sing While You Work BBC2, 9pm

Most people would claim that, bar the odd warble in the shower if the mood so takes them, they can't sing. In fact, the very idea of standing in front of hundreds of people, belting out a tune probably leaves them in a cold sweat. But these folk haven't met choirmaster Gareth Malone. He's back for a second series to put more organisations through their choral paces – in a bid to find the best workplace choir. First up, Gareth's meeting the staff of P&O Ferries, but if he thought it was going to be as simple as taking them through the music scales he can think again – with choir members based at sea on both sides of the English Channel, he's going to have a logistical challenge to overcome...

#### TUESDAY

##### The Escape Artist BBC1, 9pm

Is it possible to be too good at your job? Junior barrister Will Burton (David Tennant) probably thinks so after his courtroom skills lead serial killer Liam Foyle (Toby Kebbell) being acquitted of murder and let back out on the streets. In this second episode, it looks like there might be a chance to make up for the miscarriage of justice as Liam is back in the dock. For once, Will is going to have to use his talents to bolster the prosecution's case – but it can't be seen to be getting involved as he's also a key witness in the trial. And just to add to the pressure, Will's old adversary Maggie Gardner (Sophie Okonedo) is leading Liam's defence.

#### WEDNESDAY

##### Agatha Christie's Poirot ITV, 8pm

In order to arrest infamous art thief Marrascaud, the Metropolitan Police create what they believe is a perfect trap. The bait is the Le Mesurier family, and in particular daughter Lucinda (Lorna Nickson Brown). She will be wearing an exceptionally expensive diamond necklace during her society debut, and with "Hercules Vanquishing the Hydra", an invaluable work by Marrascaud's favourite artist Van Drays on display, that



The Nation's Favourite Elvis Song, Friday, ITV, 9pm

should lure the light-fingered thief right into the trap. Naturally Hercule Poirot (David Suchet) is in attendance, but to everyone's amazement, Marrascaud steals the painting and jewels, but leaves the butchered body of Lucinda. Poirot is devastated, but a new case involving the missing maid of a famous Russian dancer could bring about Marrascaud's capture.

##### River Cottage to the Core Channel 4, 8pm

Nobody could ever accuse Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall of being work-shy. It's anyone's guess as to whether or not television's busiest man will allow himself a couple of week's rest before his next project after wrapping up this series tonight, but he's definitely saved the best until last. With the changing of the seasons and the chill of autumn in the air, Hugh's keen to serve up some classic dishes – and it's all getting a bit fruity. He also meets a team from Gleaners UK, who harvest and distribute fruit that would otherwise have been left to rot. The pigs at River Cottage are moving onto a diet of apples from an unused orchard, while Gill Meller and Pam Corbin make the most of rosehips.

#### THURSDAY

##### Breathless

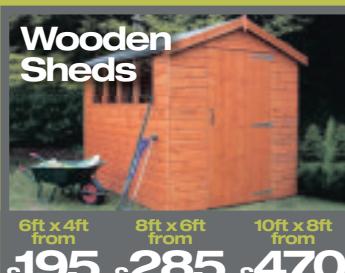
The success of period dramas Mad Men and The Hour continue to cast a large shadow over nostalgic dramas such as this. Of course it doesn't hurt that Breathless boasts such a great cast, including Natasha Little, Iain Glen and Jack Davenport. In this week's offering, Elizabeth attempts to manage the situation with Mulligan alone, but it soon becomes obvious that he cannot be reasoned with. Unable to turn to Otto for help, Elizabeth realises Mulligan might win. Angela (Catherine Steadman) eventually gives in to her feelings for Otto, but before anything can happen, Thomas and Elizabeth arrive at the hospital, and remind Angela that he is a married man.

#### FRIDAY

##### The Nation's Favourite Elvis Song

ITV, 9pm

Elvis Presley was one of the 20th century's most significant cultural icons. When he died in August 1977, aged 42, he left a legacy of some of the best-loved songs ever recorded. With the aid of archive footage and home videos, this documentary/countdown narrated by Zoe Ball, pays tribute to the man behind the music, explains how these classic songs came about and the effect they had on the world. Among the star-studded cast of contributors are Michael Bublé, Cliff Richard, Suzy Quatro, Michael Ball, Englebert Humperdinck and Cerys Matthews. One of the highlights of the show is an interview with Priscilla Presley, Elvis's ex-wife and mother to their daughter Lisa Marie Presley.



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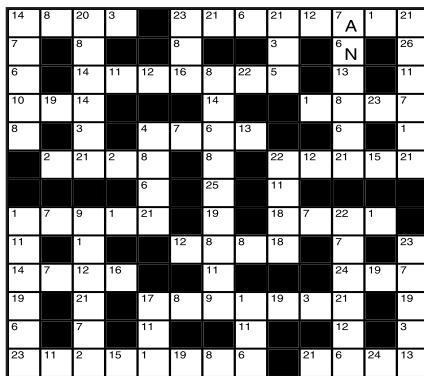
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**Codeword**

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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**Double Crossword**

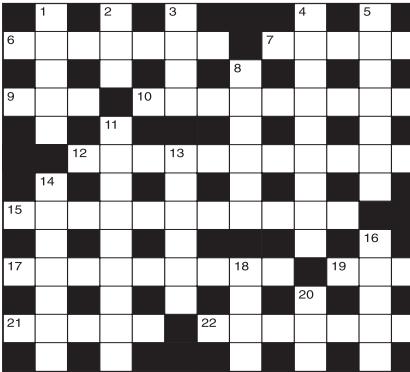
Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

**Cryptic Clues:****Across**

- Beginning again, we learn afresh (7)
- Exhausted writer found in the street (5)
- A shore having no mineral residue (3)
- There's no profit in it (4,5)
- At which to obtain something that might mean a good deal to someone? (7,4)
- A novel that shouldn't corrupt, though there's not a word of truth in it! (4,7)
- Give-away lines? (4,5)
- Tear in strips (3)
- Don't worry, it's right to break an axle! (5)
- Returns from business (7)
- Clipped trees into shape (5)
- It is given to a bishop to understand (3)
- It's a very good headlight (4)
- He may get a poor press, aptly enough! (9)
- Joint that gets dusted? (7)
- Some restrictions are severe (6)
- Ideal material for a plinth? (4,5)
- Does this hen lay golden eggs? (6)
- 28 lbs for 25 cents (7)
- Investment, but not necessarily of capital (5)
- Nautical guy (4)
- Stamp that is under a penny (3)

**Down**

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- Nautical guy (4)
- Stamp that is under a penny (3)
- Change (7)
- Coach (5)
- Merry (3)
- Meritorious (9)
- Make conform to a norm (11)
- Is prominent (6,3)
- Analysed minutely (9)
- Rodent (3)
- Cancel (5)
- Lay down (7)

**Quick Clues:****Across**

- Sum (5)
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**Sudoku**

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS &gt;

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Body-snatching; 8 Even song; 9 Item; 10 Eraser; 12 Eskimo; 14 Metric; 16 Secede; 18 Call; 20 Vendetta; 22 Gross receipts; Down: 1 Converge; 2 Hyenas; 3 Undo; 4 Staggers; 5 Shriek; 6 Knee; 11 Recovery; 13 Meditate; 15 Refuse; 17 Credit; 19 Arts; 21 Nice. QUICK - Across: 7 Controversial; 8 Strange; 9 Ear; 10 Behalf; 12 Dose; 14 Assume; 16 Trouper; 17 Upshot; 20 Dilator; 22 Inconsiderate; Down: 1 Fortress; 2 Strata; 3 Lure; 4 Derelict; 5 Asleep; 6 Fair; 11 Fiendish; 13 Separate; 15 Upshot; 17 Outdry; 19 Aunty; 21 Lido.



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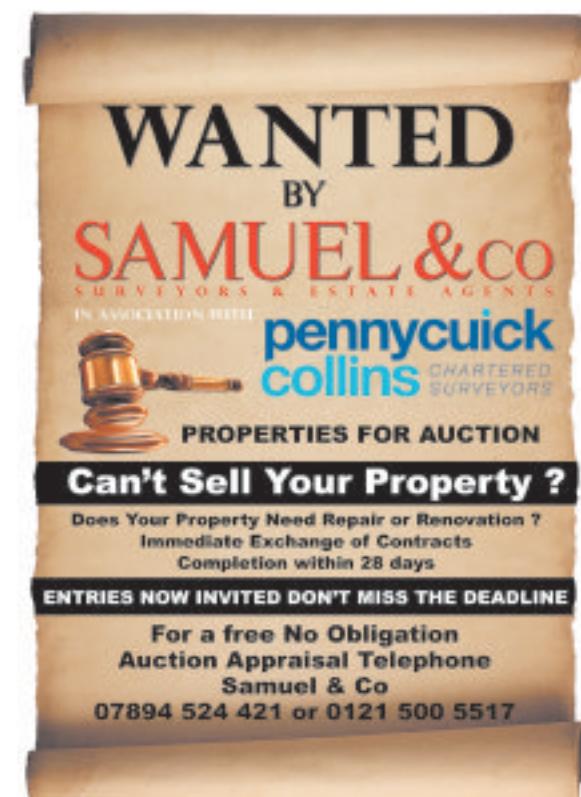


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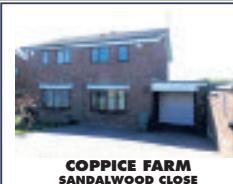
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- Enclosed Rear Garden • Communal Parking

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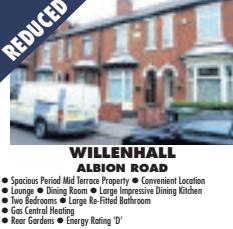
- Well Presented Modern Ground Floor Apartment
- Hall • Lounge • Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms • En-Suite Shower Room
- Bathrooms • Double Glazing • Energy rating 'B'
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- Lounge • Dining Room • Kitchen • Ground Floor Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms • Double Glazing • Gas Central Heating System
- Double Glazing • Gas Central Heating System
- Rear Gardens • Energy Rating 'C'

£82,000

WILLENHALL  
GOUGH STREET

- Mid Terrace Property • No Chain
- Spacious Lounge • Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms • Double Glazing • Double Glazing
- Double Glazing • Gas Central Heating System
- Rear Gardens • Energy Rating 'F'

£77,000

WILLENHALL  
CLARKES LANE

- Well Appointed Spacious First Floor Flat • Two Double Bedrooms
- Hall with Utility • Lounge • Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms • Double Glazing
- Double Glazing • Gas Central Heating
- Viewing Recommended • Energy Rating 'C'

£70,000

WILLENHALL  
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- Gas central heating • Majority Double Glazing • Energy Rating C
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£154,950

WILLENHALL  
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- Garage & Rear Gardens

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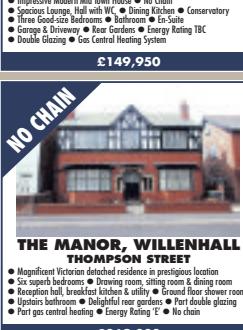
## FEATURED PROPERTY

**COPPIE FARM  
LEVEN DRIVE**

- Improved Mid Terrace Property • Popular Location
- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Lounge with Dining Area • Conservatory • Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating System • Double Glazing
- Driveway • Rear Gardens • Energy Rating C

**£139,950**

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- Cloakroom W.C.
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Driveway

£750 PCM

Revival Street  
BLOXWICH

- Three Bedroom Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- En-Suite
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Garage

£650 PCM

Lord Street  
WALSALL

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Garage

£525 PCM

Wolverhampton Road  
BLOXWICH

- Two Bedroom Terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Garage

£495 PCM

Beeches Road  
BLOXWICH

NEW

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Conservatory
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Off Road Parking with Access to Rear

£495 PCM

Henley Close  
BLOXWICH

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Through Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Garage
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Garage
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Garage

£495 PCM

Lucknow Road  
WILLENHALL

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Downstairs W.C. & Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Pets or Smokers

£495 PCM

Cornwall Place  
WALSALL

NEW

- Two Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers
- Garden
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers

£475 PCM

Bagnall Street  
BLOXWICH

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs Toilet
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Garage

£475 PCM

Ryle Street  
BLOXWICH

- Three Bedroom Terraced House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Garage

£475 PCM

Ashdown Grove  
WALSALL

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers
- Shower
- Double Glazing
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers

£465 PCM

Guild Court  
WALKER ROAD

- Two Bedroom Apartments
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Sorry No DHSS Accepted

£450 PCM

Lewis Street  
WALSALL

- Two Bedroom Terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Shower Room

£450 PCM

Elmsdale Court, Birmingham  
WALSALL

- Two Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Shower Room

£450 PCM

Lichfield Road  
WALSALL

- Two Bedroom 2nd Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Electric Storage Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Electric Storage Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Shower Room

£425 PCM

Marton Court  
BLOXWICH

- One & Two Bed Apartments
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Shower Room

From £400 PCM

Rockingham Close  
BLOXWICH

- Two Bedroom Flats
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Communal Entrance
- Double Glazing
- Large Lounge
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Large Lounge
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Large Lounge
- Shower Room

£400 PCM

Slaney Road  
WALSALL

- One Bedroom Mains
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Lounge
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Large Lounge
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Large Lounge
- Shower Room

£400 PCM

Hatherton Street  
WALSALL

- One Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- Secure Communal Entrance
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Shower Room

£400 PCM

Bloxwich Road  
WALSALL

- One & Two Bedroom Flats
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Rear Garden
- Shower Room

From £380 PCM

Tudor House  
WALSALL

- One Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Central heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Lounge
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Fitted kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Central heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Lounge
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Fitted kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Central heating

£375 PCM

Leicester Street  
WALSALL

- One Bedroom Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Central heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Lounge
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Central heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Lounge
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Central heating

£375 PCM

Moat Road  
WALSALL

NEW

- Two Bed Flat above retail premises
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Large Lounge
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Large Lounge
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Large Lounge
- Shower Room

£350 PCM

Broad Lane  
BLOXWICH

- First Floor One Bedroom Mains
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Lounge
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Large Lounge
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Large Lounge
- Shower Room

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- Large Rear Garden with Out-Building
- Garage
- Ample Off Road Parking

**Walsall NEW FOREST ROAD**

- Three Bedroom Detached
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- En-Suite Shower Room
- Off Road Parking●Garage with Utility

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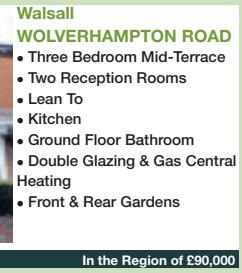
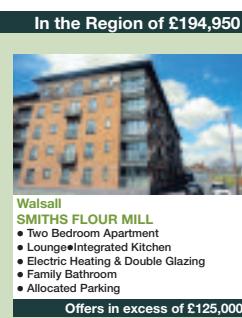
- Four Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge●Kitchen/Diner
- Family Bathroom●Gardens●Garage
- D.Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Driveway & off Road Parking

**Bloxwich COALMEADOW CLOSE**

- Two Bedroom End-Terrace
- Lounge
- Newly Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Newly Fitted Family Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens
- D.Glazing & Gas Central Heating

**Willenhall RAVENSCROFT ROAD**

- Extended Five/Six Bedroom End-Terrace
- Lounge
- Sitting/Dining Room
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Driveway
- Large Corner Plot Rear Garden
- D.Glazing & Gas Central Heating



**Walsall STAR CLOSE**

- Three Bedroom End-Terrace
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**Weston Street**

- A traditional 3 bed end terrace
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern kitchen/diner with cooker
- Upstairs family bathroom
- Guest WC and driveway
- DSS accepted

**NEW** £475 pcm

**Wolverhampton Road**

- A re-furbished 2 bed end terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- New fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

**NEW** £495 pcm

**Fountains Road**

- A refurbished 3bed mid terrace property
- 1 Spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Upstairs family bathroom
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Dss accepted and Utility room

**NEW** £450 pcm

**Liskeard Road**

- A fully refurbished 2 bed apartment
- 1 Spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Stylish upstairs family bathroom
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Dss accepted, EPC rating D

**NEW** £400 pcm

**Wolverhampton Street**

- A splendid 1 bed ground floor apartment
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant family bathroom with shower
- Double Glazing throughout
- DSS accepted

**NEW** £395 pcm

**Tudor House**

- 1 Bed first floor apartment
- Town centre location
- Spacious lounge
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Modern bathroom
- Dss accepted EPC rating C

**NEW** £350 pcm

**Prince Street**

- A 2 bed mid terrace property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

**£800 pcm**

**Jesson Road**

- A splendid 3 bed detached property
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**£550 pcm**

**Sandwell Street**

- A 3 bed 1st floor apartment
- 1 good size reception room
- Large kitchen/diner with cooker
- Pleasant bathroom with jacuzzi bath
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Town centre location

**£550 pcm**

**Honeybourne Way,**

- A superb 3bed semi detached property
- A spacious lounge with feature fireplace
- A modern fitted kitchen with cooker & hob
- A pleasant upstairs family bathroom
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Fully enclosed rear garden & Parking

**£500 pcm**

**Bloxwich Road,**

- A superb 3bed mid terrace
- 2 Spacious reception rooms
- New fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant downstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Enclosed rear garden, Dss accepted

**£475pcm**

**Moncrieffe Street**

- An excellent 3 bed mid terraced
- 2 Spacious lounge areas
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker & hob
- A pleasant downstairs bathroom
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Good size rear garden

**£450 pcm**

**Milton Street**

- A traditional 3 bed mid terrace property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

**£450 pcm**

**Lewis Street**

- A re-decorated 2 bed mid terrace property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Good size fitted kitchen with cooker
- Upstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted EPC rating C

**£450 pcm**

**Redhouse Street**

- A superb 2 bed mid terrace property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted EPC rating C

**£450 pcm**

**Dora Street**

- A traditional 3 bed mid terrace property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

**£450 pcm**

**Weston Street**

- A superb 2 bed mid terrace property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

**£400 pcm**

**St Georges Court, Walsall**

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**£380 pcm**

**Bridge Lofts**

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- Open planned lounge/kitchen area
- Modern fitted kitchen with appliances
- Stylish bathroom with shower
- Secure intercom system
- Town centre location

**£375 pcm**

**Parker Street**

- A re-furbished 1 bed 1st floor apartment
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Good size family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted EPC rating G

**£375 pcm**

**The Shambles**

- A re-furbished 1 bed apartment
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

**£595 pcm**

**Pargeter Street**

- A 4 bed mid terrace property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Upstairs family bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Rear Garden EPC rating E

**£575 pcm**

**Follyhouse Lane**

- A Re-furbished 3 bed semi
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Driveway EPC rating D

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# Motoring

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## Get a winner with the new Honda CR-V

**HONDA'S** British built CR-V 1.6 i-DTEC is now in the salerooms. Available in three trim levels, prices for this new variant start at £22,800 on the road for the entry level S, £24,660 for the SE and £26,880 for the 1.6 i-DTEC range topping SR trim.

The new 1.6 i-DTEC diesel engine made its debut in the British built Civic earlier this year and now it's making its way into the popular CR-V. With increasing demand for lower cost motoring, the trend for two-wheel drive diesel SUVs has grown and now represents over a quarter of the total C-SUV market in Europe. The new CR-V 1.6 i-DTEC is tackling this trend head-on.

With the new 1.6 i-DTEC engine in the CR-V, customers get the best of both worlds; the practicality and styling of an SUV with the lower emission and fuel efficiency that a small diesel engine offers. Fuel economy on the combined cycle is up to an impressive 62.8 mpg and means the CR-V has the potential to cover up to 800 miles on one tank of fuel. In addition, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions as low as 119g/km mean the CR-V 1.6 i-DTEC qualifies for zero road tax for the first year and as low as £30 annual road tax thereafter.

The introduction of this new engine ensures that the CR-V is an appealing proposition in the competitive corporate market. This new variant is expected to help the CR-V make an

appearance on more fleet listings as it slips below the 120g/km barrier and is 2WD. The car's combination of impressive fuel economy and agile performance, combined with the practicality and luggage space the CR-V is famed for, plus Honda's acknowledged reputation for reliability, it's a car which is expected to catch the eye of company car fleet managers and user choosers. In the current tax year 2013/14, CR-V 1.6 S and SE grades will benefit from P11D tax rates starting from 18 per cent, only increasing by one per cent in tax year 2014/15, making for a highly tax efficient vehicle. Benefits to both the fleet manager and private drivers are further increased with an outstanding combined cycle of 62.8mpg.

### Adjustable

The new CR-V will be available with three generously equipped trim levels – S, SE and SR. The entry level S costs £22,800 on the road and features DAB Radio, dual zone climate control air conditioning, cruise control, electric adjustable and heated door mirrors, USB connectivity, steering wheel remote audio controls, 5in Intelligent Multi Info Display (i-MID), 17in alloy wheels as well as all the driver safety aids such as ABS (Anti-Lock Braking System), driver seat power lumbar support and Vehicle Stability Assist (VSA) as standard.

An optional T Grade is also available on the S specification and for an additional £765 it adds SD Navigation system and Bluetooth Hands Free Telephone (HFT).

The next step up is the SE at £24,660 OTR

featuring all the equipment found in the S model but with the addition of front and rear parking sensors, rear view camera, Bluetooth hands-free telephone, CAT 1 alarm with ultrasonic sensor, leather steering wheel, leather gear shift, rain-sensing auto wipers, dusk sensing auto lights and auto dim rear view mirror. SE customers also have the opportunity to upgrade to the T Grade to include the SD satellite navigation system.

### Premium

The SR tops off the CR-V 1.6 i-DTEC range at £26,880 OTR with standard goodies including, Alcantara/leather upholstery, heated front seats, premium audio with subwoofer, painted roof rails, privacy glass, Bi-HID xenon headlights with auto levelling, active cornering lights, High Beam Support System (HSS), headlight washers, front fog lights, driver and passenger seat power lumbar support and 18in alloy wheels.

The CR-V 1.6 i-DTEC is available in two-wheel drive only and features a six-speed manual gearbox with an exact capacity of 1597cc. It offers a maximum power output of 120PS at 4,000rpm while maximum torque is 300Nm at 2,000rpm.

The combination of a lightweight engine and two-wheel drive system means that the new CR-V 1.6 i-DTEC weighs 116kg less than the 2.2 i-DTEC model which not only helps to bring down emissions and achieve better fuel economy, but ensures sure-footedness whilst also delivering agile handling.



The new Honda CR-V is available in three trim levels – S, SE and SR. Prices start from £22,800

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## Lockmen washed out of the Vase run

**Alvis Sporting 3 Willenhall 0**  
IT was a new-lock Willenhall which went down to defeat in rain-lashed Coventry to exit the Birmingham Midweek Vase at the first hurdle.

With seven new young signings in the 16 players on duty, they made a bright start with a move that saw a Tom Rann cross headed back across goal, for Tony Cliff to force an excellent block from his shot.

The home side broke the deadlock on 28 minutes when Tommy Maguire picked up a loose ball and lashed a shot in off a post from 15 yards.

On 37 minutes, a shocking back-pass left Leon Kelly clear on goal and he side-stepped Steve Booth to roll home a second.

Wade Overton won a 50th minute corner when his dangerous cross had to be scooped over the bar from close range as the lockmen fought for a foothold, then Eddie Wilson had a close-range chance blocked.

Reds' substitute Mitch Wenlock's cross was headed inches high by Cory Ensor.

But deep into stoppage time, Alvis got a third when Kiernan Fitzharris hit a speculative shot from 25 yards which took a big deflection to leave Booth stranded.

**Aldridge are a four-ce to contend with**

**Lichfield & Walsall District Football League Premier A**

Aldridge Town 4 Brownhills Commin 1; Burntwood Star 2 Freemans FC 6; Longhorn FC 7 AC Lions 5

### Premier B

Burntwood Albion 3 Prince of Wales 2; Cannock Wood 1 Stomnall FC 1; Pelsall Villa Colts 3 Erding-ton Star 4

### League Two

Longdon Chet 4 Duke of Wellington 3; Paradise FC 0 Swan FC 7; Trent Valley Rovers 7 Ross Park 0

### League Three

Walsall Phoenix 3 Turnpike FC 1

### Lichfield Challenge Cup Round One

Green Rock Tavern 2 Trident FC 5

### Lichfield Charity Cup Round One

Pelsall Villa FC 8 Shire Oak FC 0

### Staffs Sam Kimberley Cup Round Two

Brigstock Social 2 Boatmans Rest 5; Cellar Door 2 Queens FC 0; Dog FC 0 Wyrley 7; Eximus Warriors 1 Hazelstade 2; Oak Park Rangers 1 Brereton Casuals 4; Rugeley Rangers 1 Shelfield FC 5.

### Promoter Ron given award

CANNOCK boxing impresario Ron Gray has been given the sport's most prestigious accolade, the Sir Henry Cooper Award, marking his 50 years in the fight game, writes Brian Clifford.

"It was a real knockout to receive such recognition from the British Board of Control," said Ron.

Ron retired from the ring in 1968 and concentrated on his business. But he was back on the scene in 1972, taking over as the West Midlands' main promoter when Willenhall bookmaker-promoter Alex Griffiths died.

That was the start of 25 years as a promoter at venues including Wolverhampton Civic Hall.

# Wood break their duck for home wins

### Walsall Wood 3 Kirby Muxloe 1

WALSALL Wood finally won a League game at home with goals from Jamie Hawkins, Joey Butlin and Anthony Juxon giving Swannies' Cygnets a well-deserved victory.

Wood came out all guns blazing putting the visitors under immediate pressure and after just three minutes it paid off.

A very nervy clearance was collected by Andre Gonzales on the right of the box, he calmly sidestepped a desperate challenge, before finding Jamie Hawkins who hammered the ball into the roof of the net.

The second goal wasn't long coming when on 10 minutes Gonzales picked the ball up wide right and ran at the defence, his low cross shot home by Joey Butlin with a brave diving header. Then two minutes later just

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to prove it wasn't going to be all one way traffic, Jamie Allen made space for a cross wide right, Stuart Verrall powering a header off the underside of the bar that bounced down and into the hands of Wood keeper Mark Wiggins.

Just before the half hour mark Hancox won the ball and went on a scintillating run, scything through four tackles. He laid the ball off into the path of Butlin only for Sam Wilson to get in a desperate half block to take the pace off the shot.

Perry able to make an easy save from what would have been an early contender for goal of the season. On 40 minutes a long ball

forward saw Verrall stretch out a long leg to divert the ball away from an advancing Wiggins, the keeper somehow getting fingers to the ball to push it wide.

Right on halftime it was Gonzales again creating havoc wide right, his ball into the box set up neat interchange between Butlin and Hancox who set up Anthony Juxon to fire a low drive inches wide.

The second half came to life on 52 minutes, Hawkins playing the ball out wide right to Corey Curriethorn who left his marker for dead his lovely ball inside found Hawkins racing forward but he was flattened on the edge of the box.

The resultant free kick fired into the wall by Butlin. On 62 minutes another long high ball forward was back-headed towards the

own goal by Shawn Boothe, Wiggins racing from his line to save bravely at the feet of Allen.

The game was sewn up on 78 minutes, a right wing corner delivered to the far post.

Juxon timed his run to perfection to rocket home a header to open his account for the season. Wood kept pushing for number four and in true Wood fashion got hit with a real sucker punch, yet another long ball forward saw Nathaniel McIntosh time his run into the left of the box perfectly and with defenders looking for an offside flag he ran on and calmly slotted the ball home past the advancing Wiggins.

The win takes Wood up to 15th and gives them confidence for the away trip on Saturday to Coleshill.

# Trio of goals puts end to PICS run in the Cup

### Grimsby Town 3 Rushall Olympic 0

**RUSHALL OLYMPIC'S eventful FA Cup run came to an end when they were beaten by Skrill Premier high-flyers Grimsby Town.**

The Pics, although beaten, were never disgraced, and for three-quarters of the game were well in it, writes Terry Brumpton.

Rushall began confidently and had the first threat when Kristian Ramsey-Dickson used his pace to good effect, beating his full-back, but his cross took a deflection straight into home keeper James McKeown's hands.

Town captain Craig Disley hit back for the Mariners, but his shot was wide of the target. Liam Spink set up the next Pics attack with a good pass to Ramsey-Dickson out on the wing but this time his cross was too near to McKeown.

Grimsby's impressive Scott Neilson combined with Disley to send Sam Hatton away but his cross was poor and a good opportunity was wasted.

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Rushall were now gaining in confidence and the strike pair of Dele Adebola and Ahmed Obeng combined well to gain a free-kick on the edge of the area, but Jimmy Turner's shot was too high.

Moments later the Pics were awarded another free-kick that Spink got on target but straight at McKeown.

The first real moment of danger for the Pics came in the 24th minute when the ball fell to Hannah, 12 yards out, but his fierce left-foot shot was blocked.

Eight minutes later the home side were ahead.

Neilson cut into the penalty area and was brought down by Spink.

The referee had no hesitation in awarding the home side a penalty and Hannah confidently blasted a left-

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foot shot past Chris Gemmill.

Six minutes into the second half, Gemmill made a good save from Neilson but then in a Rushall counter attack Ramsey-Dickson dragged his shot wide of the far post.

Rushall had penalty appeals turned down when Ramsey-Dickson went down in the box and moments later the Pics wide man hit a shot just inches over the bar.

With 15 minutes remaining, the home side doubled their lead when the unmarked Shaun Pearson headed home a free-kick from Scott Kerr.

Pic's Carl Palmer hit a volley well over the bar, but 10 minutes from time it was game over when Grimsby added a third, and again it was another simple goal. A long ball from Hatton found striker Andy Cook and he finished confidently.

Rushall manager Neil Kitching said afterwards: "For 75 minutes we were well in the game and I think that Grimsby knew they were in a game."

"At just 1-0 down at half time, we were right in the game but we missed a couple of good opportunities before Grimsby wrapped it up with two late goals.

"I am proud of the lads and we have certainly given it a right go."



Midfielder Carl Palmer on the break for Rushall Olympic at Blundell Park



Pic's Liam Spink fires in a free-kick at the Grimsby goal

# Champion Gethin takes time out at Banks's



Boxer Martin Gethin, back row fourth from left, at Banks's stadium

BRITISH lightweight champion Martin Gethin visited his beloved Walsall Football Club ahead of his first defence of the title on the George Groves-Carl Froch bill.

Gethin puts his belt up-for-grabs against Anthony Crolla on Saturday November 23, on the under-card of Froch's WBA and IBF world super-middleweight title showdown with Groves.

The big show will take place at an already sold-out Manchester Arena but Gethin was outdoors at the weekend, supporting the Saddlers who fell to a 1-0 defeat at home to Coventry City.

The 29-year-old was on hand at

half-time to present members of Walsall's academy with their Player of the Month Certificates and enjoyed Saturday – despite the result!

He said: "I always enjoy watching my team play."

"I am friends with a lot of people at the club, so it's like a home from home for me."

"It's nice to give a little something back by coming along and handing out certificates. Hopefully, the kids enjoy it as much as I do."

"It's a nice break from the rigours of training, too. I have been working hard in the gym, getting ready for Crolla."

"Training is going well and I am feeling sharp. We are still a month away from fight night so there's a long road ahead, but I am well on my way."

"Two other title fights take on the Matchroom-promoted card, with Scott Quigg set to defend his WBA world super bantamweight crown."

"Rocky Fielding defends his Commonwealth super middleweight strap against undefeated Guyanese mandatory challenger Lennox Allen."

The sell-out show will be screened live on Sky Box Office. For more information visit www.matchroomboxing.com."

Rush for goal helps seal it for Saddlers

### Continental Star 0 Walsall 2

**WES RUSH and Kieron Morris were the scorers as Walsall eased past Continental Star in the Birmingham Senior Cup.**

The duo struck early in each half as a Saddlers side made up mainly of development squad players saw off committed Midland Alliance opponents first round tie at Rushall Olympic's Dales Lane home.

Hosts Star never stopped working throughout the game but found the visitors too tough a nut to crack.

Morris was instrumental in creating the opener for Rush on 13 minutes, surging down the left before pulling the ball back for his teammate to fire home.

Star were not without their chances and could have equalised had James Reid gone for power rather than attempt an elaborate chip when given time and space on the edge of the box.

But the game was effectively ended as a contest 10 minutes into the second half when Morris cut in from the left wing and blasted a low drive past Dolman.

The Saddlers could have won by more but the home keeper denied both Amadou Bakayoko and substitute Jamie Ashmore.

We can face all comers, Chambers

**JAMES CHAMBERS** has urged Walsall to keep believing – claiming they have already proved they can compete against anyone in League One.

The Saddlers have now turned their attentions to this Saturday's trip to MK Dons, where they will be looking to get back on track after their 1-0 derby defeat at home to Coventry.

After having already beaten the likes of Wolves and Swindon this season, right-back Chambers believes they should have nothing to fear in the challenges ahead.

"I think it is a strong league and we have some tough games coming up. But as players and as a club we relish that," he said.

"We know we can compete. Although we lost narrowly against Coventry we competed for the 90 minutes and we know we can do it against anyone."

"It's all about trying to keep our performance levels as high as we can, keeping our style and keeping that belief in what we are doing."

"I'm sure we will do," he added.

**Khalsa are hit by a shutout**

### Sporting Khalsa 0 W'ton Casuals 3

**CASUALS** secured their third title West Midlands Premier League points against Khalsa.

The visitors went in front in the 26th minute in controversial circumstances when both sets of players stopped to argue over a penalty claim. But the referee waved play on and Chris Henry, scored from close range.

Casuals rocked the home side by going 2-0 up in the 74th minute. Chris Russell ran 20 yards with the ball before finding substitute Matt Bailey to score.

Three minutes later, Casuals central defender Daniel Lloyd sealed the deal,

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**Lockmen hit a low, in Khalsa shutout**

Willenhall 0  
Sporting Khalsa 8

THE Lockmen hit an all time low at the weekend as they were completely obliterated by former landlords Sporting Khalsa.

Steve Booth had already made one fine save before a cross into the six-yard box was missed by the defence, as was the return ball, which was stabbed goalwards and deflected in for an own-goal.

Five minutes later Liam Hughes grabbed the first of his four goal haul when he broke down the left, cut inside and netted.

Reece Cotterell broke down the left on 25 minutes and his ball inside saw Hughes net again.

On 29 minutes a ball down the left then found Sam Pearson and he neatly side-stepped Booth and rolled home. It was 5-0 to the visitors with just over a half hour gone when Mark Habbershaw broke down the right and selflessly left Pearson with an open goal.

Just 15 seconds after Willenhall kicked off they had conceded again thanks to Jason Wood.

The Lockmen held out until the 79th minute when Hughes netted his hat-trick with a delightful curling effort before a minute later he was played through and finished again.

The Lockmen finally had a decent effort as Simon Laidley just cleared the bar.

**Garlick role permanent**

ALBION have confirmed Richard Garlick as sporting and technical director on a permanent basis.

The 36-year-old has completed a probationary period after replacing Dan Ashworth in the summer.

Garlick will oversee the first team, player recruitment, medical services and the Baggies' academy.

Chairman Jeremy Peace said: "Richard has settled into his new role admirably. We now look forward to him further stamping his mark on the post."

Garlick added: "The last nine months have been challenging but also very rewarding. I'm delighted to have been appointed on a permanent basis."

Albion have also promoted Dave McDonough to the role of director of technical performance and scouting. And Mark Gillett as the club's head of medical services.

## Saddlers' morale 'has not been damaged'



Dean Smith

DEAN SMITH says Walsall's momentum and morale has not been damaged by Saturday's defeat to Coventry.

The Saddlers went into the game in the play-off places and hoping to record their third League One win in a row.

Instead it was the Sky Blues who left the Banks's victorious thanks to Franck Moussa.

The result dropped the hosts down a place to seventh but Smith believes there were plenty of positives to take from the performance –

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and felt his side had been the better team.

He said: "It was very encouraging and I said to the players we have had a fantastic week, it was three steps forward and maybe one back with the result – but there are still positives.

"We won't be too downhearted. It's disappointing because it was a local derby. We had a lot of the ball and caused them plenty of problems.

But that's how it is. I said to the lads the only disappointing part of the day was the result."

"They have had a couple of breakaways in the second half and for the first 30 minutes they were the better side."

"But apart from that In a game of few chances, Craig Westcarr came closest to scoring for the Saddlers with a free-kick which Coventry keeper Joe Murphy had to push round the post."

But Smith felt his side should have been awarded a penalty in the

second half when Murphy challenged Ashley Hemmings for the ball and left the Walsall man in a heap inside the box.

"Ashley was flat out, he's got to the ball first and Joe Murphy has made no contact with the ball and taken him out," said Smith.

"Whether the ball is out of play or not, you can't take people out like that so it should have been a penalty."

"There were a few decisions I didn't like and the only thing I want from officials is to be consistent," he added.

**Etheridge carrying club hope**

LIAM ETHERIDGE has become the sole hope for Pleck Amateur Boxing Club in the National Boxing Championships after two of their fighters were eliminated, writes Craig Birch.

Etheridge is preparing for the national quarter-finals at 54kg in Class C, for boxers born in 1994 and 1995, after receiving a bye past the pre-quarter finals.

But Pleck's other West Midlands champions Zohab Hanif and Ryan Burrows, failed to make it past the first national stage after defeats put them out.

The towel was thrown in on Hanif come the second round of his battle with Sullivan Rickett, from Benny's Boxing Club in Nottinghamshire, after coming under severe fire.

Burrows' bout came at 63.5kg in Class C with the talented Callum Blockley, from Earl Shilton ABC in Nottinghamshire.

Burrows went the distance, losing unanimously on points.

Walsall Wood ABC's Dan Breeze defends his Central Area title against an as yet unnamed opponent on Friday night.

Tickets start from £20. For information call 07528 5455786.

**Lockmen's boss leaves the club**

WILLENN HALL Town manager Neil Perks has left the Lockmen with the club citing "work and family commitments".

Willenhall are 21st in the West Midlands League Premier Division with just three wins from 17 games this season and lost 8-0 to Sporting Khalsa on Saturday.

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# HOME FORM FACES SKY BLUE THINKING

Walsall 0 Coventry 1

**JUST when it looked like Dean Smith had cracked it, Coventry City's victory raised questions of Walsall's home form.**

Franck Moussa's 54th-minute goal was enough to give the Sky Blues a just-about-deserved derby victory and deny the hosts a third consecutive League One win in a clash which never quite lived up to its billing.

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It certainly contributed to the sense of frustration around the Banks's at the final whistle, though it would be wrong not to pay tribute to the visitors too.

Instead it was a game which merely fizzed nicely without ever quite sparking into the hoped-for thriller.

Depending on your viewpoint, it was either an unlucky defeat for the Saddlers in a tight game or another toothless home performance in which they again failed to over-stretch the visiting goalkeeper.

### Discussion

Undoubtedly though, the defeat will spark further discussion over the Saddlers' home form, which had been somewhat quelled by last Saturday's victory over Stevenage.

It is now three defeats in seven games at the Banks's this season, compared to four wins in seven on the road.

In one sense Smith's side were on something of a hiding to nothing after their spectacular win at Swindon on Tuesday.

Any defeat, no matter in what circumstances, was always going to hit harder than normal given the heights reached in that particular performance.



Saddlers skipper Andy Butler is caught up in a skirmish with three Sky Blues opponents



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